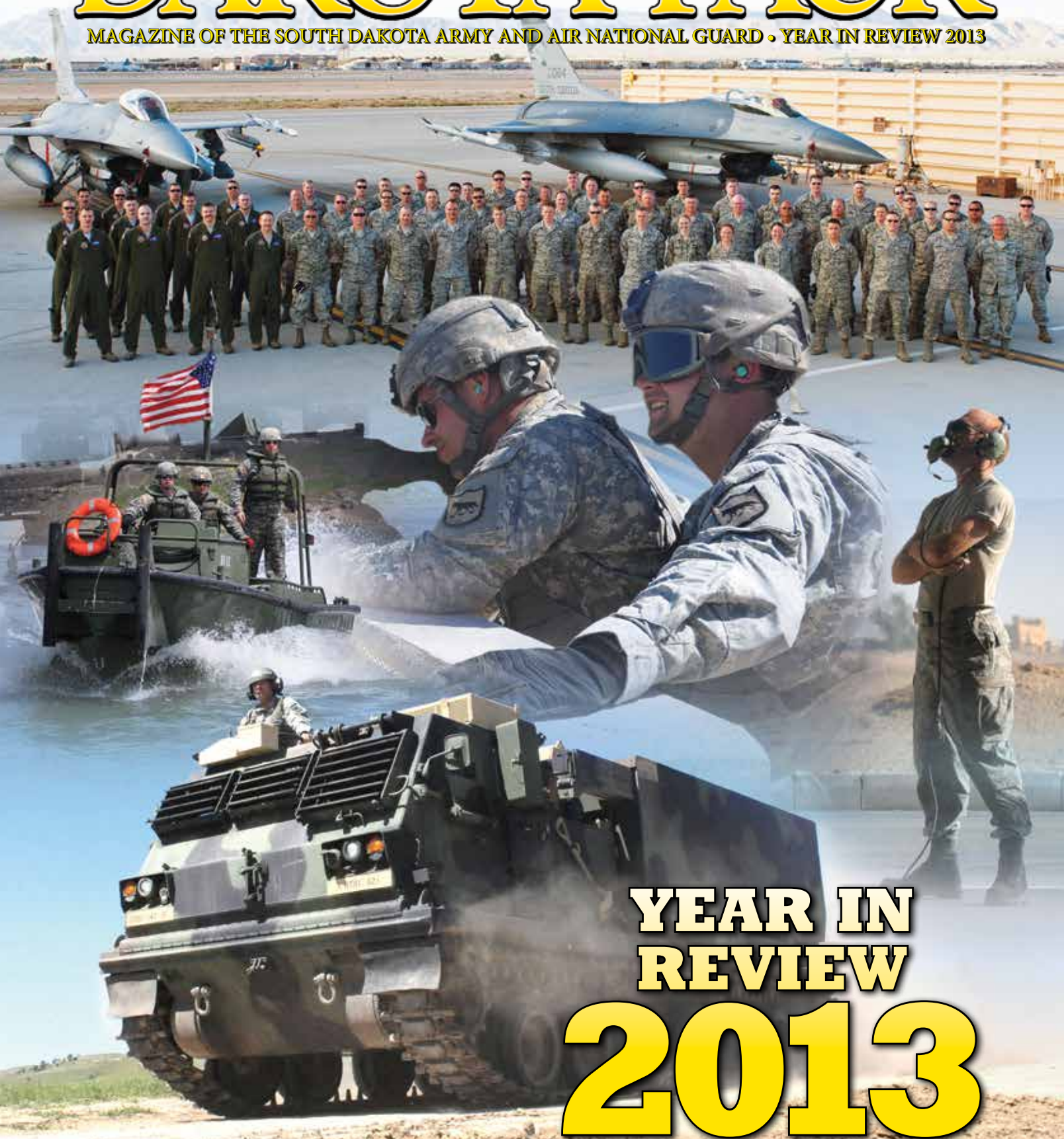


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South Dakota NATIONAL GUARD

THE PAST

With a proud 152-year heritage of serving as the state's militia, the South Dakota National Guard finds its origins dating back to 1862 as part of the Dakota Territory. Since that time, our National Guard units have served in nearly every major war or conflict since the Civil War. The SDNG has seen combat during the Spanish American War, World War I and II, Operation Just Cause and Operation Desert Storm. Our National Guard was also called up during the Mexican Border Conflict, Korean War, Berlin Crisis and peacekeeping missions in Bosnia and Kosovo.

Since the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks on the United States, each of South Dakota's 22 National Guard communities has expe-

rienced a unit mobilization in support of Operations Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom, New Dawn and Noble Eagle. More than 7,200 Soldiers and Airmen have deployed in support of these operations and continue to deploy time and time again.

The National Guard is the only military component that holds a dual-mission consisting of both federal and state roles. The federal mission is to maintain trained and equipped units available for prompt mobilization for war or a national emergency. At the state level, the governor reserves the ability, under the Constitution, to call up members of the National Guard in times of domestic emergencies.

Throughout the years, natural disasters have called forth

the Guard's spirit of teamwork and sacrifice to battle floods, fires, blizzards and tornado destruction. From the Rapid City Flood of 1972 to the 1998 Spencer Tornado to Hurricane Katrina and Rita in 2005 and to the 2011 Missouri River Flood, the SDNG has helped its fellow South Dakotans and Americans in times of need. The proud heirs of the militia tradition can be found in the men and women of today's SDNG. They stand ready to leave the comforts of home and family to help their friends and neighbors, defend the nation's interests and bring peace and hope to people throughout the world.



South Dakota National Guard
remains strong with nearly
4,300 Soldiers and Airmen



THE PRESENT

Today's South Dakota National Guard remains strong with nearly 4,300 Soldiers and Airmen available to execute its dual-mission on the state and federal level. The Guard is now in 22 communities throughout South Dakota and is comprised of 42 Army Guard units and 17 Air Guard units. These units perform a variety of missions: everything from command and control, administration, engineering, field artillery, transportation, logistics, communications, maintenance, aviation, public affairs, military police, firefighting and medical.

The Guard is no longer a strategic reserve to the active component, but an operational force directly integrated into active-duty deployments and missions. The force structure of the SDNG is designed to meet the needs of the future force; giving the Guard an enhanced capability to respond in times of emergencies and natural disasters and in support of the

Global War on Terrorism.

The SDNG had a significant impact on South Dakota's economy with more than \$179.3 million in expenditures and wages last year. The SDNG is also one of the largest employers in the state with more than 960 full-time employees, along with nearly 3,300 traditional Guard members who train on a part-time basis while pursuing a career or civilian education. These full-time employees, along with state employees and civilian contractors, work to assist the traditional Guardsman by providing administrative, training and logistical support. This support collectively goes into helping units meet mobilization and readiness requirements.

The Army Guard has four major command headquarters and they remain strong with more than 3,200 Soldiers available for state and federal missions. The nerve center for the

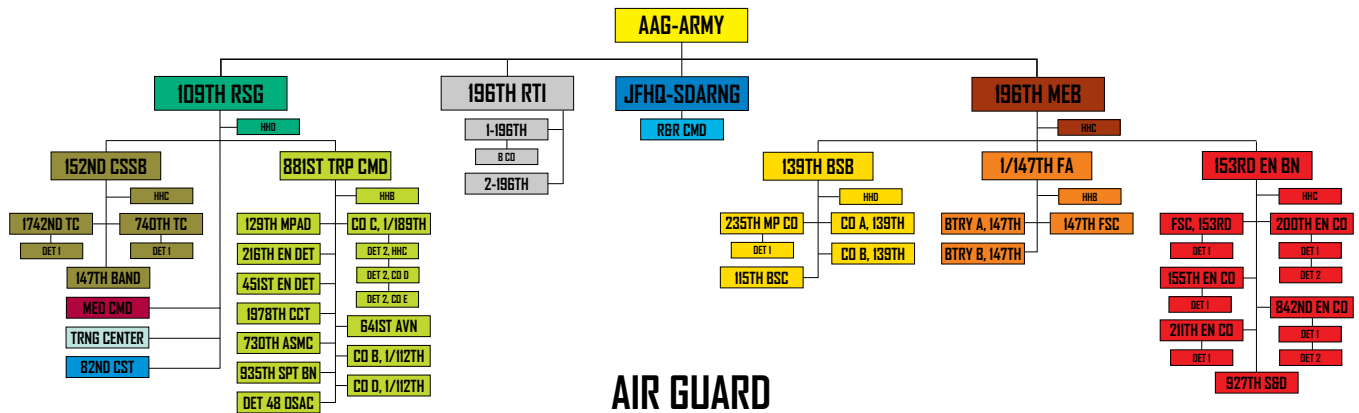
Army Guard resides at the state headquarters at Camp Rapid in Rapid City; an 84-acre training site first developed in 1924.

The Air National Guard is located on the southeast corner of Joe Foss Field in Sioux Falls. It has more than 1,000 Airmen assigned to its headquarters and the 114th Fighter Wing to provide ready units for state and federal missions.

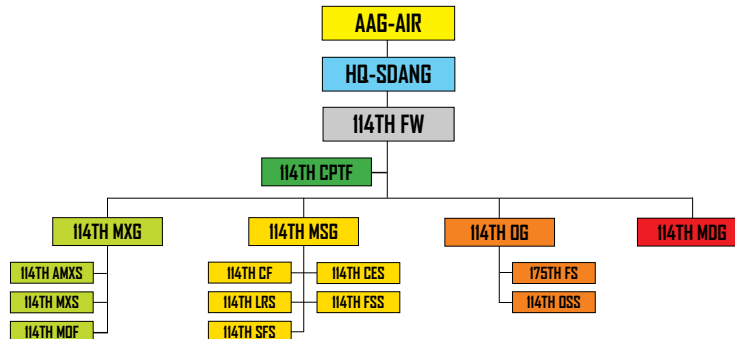
The SDNG is divided into different task forces to provide assistance to our local communities throughout the state in the event of an emergency. Separated by geographical regions, units are assigned to each task force providing personnel and equipment for response to severe weather, fires, natural disasters, search-and-rescue operations, civil disturbances or homeland defense.

UNIT COMMAND STRUCTURE

ARMY GUARD



AIR GUARD



ECONOMIC IMPACT

FEDERAL INVESTMENT

South Dakota Army National Guard

▪ Military Pay & Allowances:	\$64,701,742
▪ Operations & Maintenance:	\$49,205,000
▪ Military Construction:	\$541,884
Total Army Guard Expenditures:	\$114,448,626



South Dakota Air National Guard

▪ Military Pay & Allowances:	\$24,968,634
▪ Operations & Maintenance:	\$36,742,251
▪ Military Construction:	\$0
Total Air Guard Expenditures:	\$61,710,885
Total Federal Expenditures:	\$176,159,511



STATE INVESTMENT

	FY13 Expended	FY14 Budget
Personal Services (General Fund):	\$886,855	\$936,221
Personal Services (Other):	\$0	\$17,626
Operating Expenses (General Fund):	\$1,929,006	\$2,347,560
Operating Expenses (Other):	\$3,572	\$10,021
Special Appropriation (General Fund):		
- Watertown Readiness Center	\$345,383	\$222,777
- Sioux Falls Land Purchase		\$355,000
Total State Expenditures:	\$3,164,816	\$3,889,205

TOTAL ECONOMIC IMPACT: \$179,324,327

COMMUNITY LOCATIONS



- Task Force 881
- Task Forces 109 & Air
- Task Force 147
- Task Force 153
- Task Force 152
- Task Force 139
- Task Force 196 & 114

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YEAR IN REVIEW

With a proud 152-year heritage of serving as the state's militia, the South Dakota National Guard celebrated another historic year of service to the state and nation in 2013. Since its origins dating back to 1862 as part of the Dakota Territory, the SDNG has served in nearly every major war or conflict since the Civil War, as well as provided assistance to the state in times of domestic emergencies such as floods, fires, tornadoes and winter storms.

This year was no different, as more than 650 Soldiers and Airmen from eight units responded to federal commitments worldwide in support of overseas contingency operations. More than 240 Army Guard Soldiers deployed and returned from duty in Afghanistan and Kuwait in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Returning from duty in Afghanistan were the 1978th Contingency Contracting Team, the 235th Military Police Company, the 129th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment and the 152nd Combat Sustainment Support Battalion. Returning from duty in Kuwait were the 927th Engineer Detachment and Detachment I, Company B, 935th Support Battalion. More than 160 Soldiers from the 1742nd Transportation Company deployed in December. In 2014, the unit will move military equipment and supplies out of Afghanistan, as U.S. forces begin to withdraw from the country.

The Air Guard's 114th Fighter Wing saw the deployment, redeployment and return of approximately 250 Airmen from Southwest Asia as part of the U.S. Air Force's Air Expeditionary Force rotation plan, where they supported ongoing F-16 Combat Air Force operations. To date, the South Dakota National Guard has deployed more than 7,200 Soldiers and Airmen in support of the Global War on Terror.

On the home front, the Guard continued to provide domestic operations support to the citizens of South Dakota. In 2013, the Guard provided 221 personnel that supported 11 mission assignments for a total of 991 man-days. The Guard provided aviation fire suppression and



base camp support for the Glen Erin and Cascade Fires. The 82nd Civil Support Team conducted "air monitoring" during the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally that provided air quality information to local and state officials. The 82nd also assisted with recovery efforts and communications support of a B1 Bomber from Ellsworth Air Force Base that crashed near Hammond, Mont.

There were 131 Guardsmen called to state active duty to support local citizens in western South Dakota from October 5-20 after Winter Storm Atlas devastated the region. The Guard helped to clear road ways, removed snow and assisted electrical cooperative crews with gaining access to locations needing power lines repaired.

The SDNG also had a busy year supporting domestic operations at the national level. The Army Guard deployed LUH-72 Lakota helicopter crews to the U.S. southern border to provide ▶

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YEAR IN REVIEW — Continued

aerial detection and monitoring in support of U.S. Customs and Border Protection. The Air Guard also began its takeover of the Aerospace Control Alert mission at March Air Reserve Base in Calif.; providing four F-16 Fighting Falcons and pilots since October. They also provided four jets for the Airspace Control Alert mission in Toledo, Ohio.

In June, the Army Guard hosted its 29th Annual Golden Coyote training exercise in the southern Black Hills. More than 3,800 service members from 55 units representing 22 states and five allied nations participated in the exercise, where they took advantage of quality training opportunities in support of overseas contingency operations and homeland defense. Many community service projects were also completed during the exercise, which included timber hauls and medical services to Native American Reservations, construction projects at the Black Hills Playhouse and along the Mickelson Trail system, and the building of a new National Field Archery Association range in Yankton.

This year, the Army Guard relocated units from the communities of Redfield and Webster. Restationing ceremonies were held in June and July for Soldiers of Company A, 139th Brigade Support Battalion and Detachment 2, 147th Forward Support Company. The unit relocations were a result of federal budget cuts, U.S. Army restructuring and the construction of the new Regional Readiness Center in Watertown.

Construction was also completed on the new Watertown Readiness Center. A ribbon cutting ceremony was held in September for the \$25 million, 80,000 square foot, state-of-the-art training facility. The regional readiness center now home to about 400 Soldiers.

This year also marked the seventh year of the South Dakota and Suriname State Partnership Program. Engagements continued with 13 significant exchanges, which included leadership visits, domestic emergencies and natural disaster response management training, medical, communications, instructor training and a women in the military workshop.

The Army Guard welcomed a new assistant adjutant general; BG Kevin Griesse took over for BG Craig Johnson, who retired after 36 years of service. The Air Guard also welcomed a new assistant adjutant general; BG Matthew Jamison took over for BG Wayne Shanks, who retired after 39 years of service. CCM Jim Welch became the first Air Guard top senior enlisted leader to the adjutant general. Welch succeeds State CSM Larry Zimmerman, who retired after 28 years of service. In another historic first, CSM Susan Shoe became the first female appointed to the state command sergeant major position, the highest ranking noncommissioned officer position for the SDARNG.

The SDNG received numerous awards in 2013, once again distinguishing itself as one of the top National Guard organizations in the nation. Eight Army National Guard units received the National Guard Bureau's Superior Unit Award in recognition of outstanding achievement. The award is presented only to units that meet very high standards in drill attendance, physical fitness, weapons qualification and maintenance. The SDNG Counterdrug Program's Civil Operations Team was awarded the National Power of Partners Award. The award recognizes organizations and community groups for their efforts to create a "drug-free" message by working together with other agencies toward a common goal.

The Combined Support Maintenance Shop #2 facility and personnel in Rapid City were the state recipients of the Efficiency in Maintenance Award. The award recognizes excellence in shop maintenance and safety. The South Dakota Army National Guard received a second place finish in the bronze category for the 2013 Army Communities of Excellence Awards. The SDARNG placed 9th overall among 40 applicants in the Army National Guard. The 842nd Engineer Company Family Readiness Group received the Department of Defense Reserve Family Readiness Award for the National Guard. The award recognizes one National Guard and Reserve unit from each of the seven Reserve components with the best programs that supports their families.

SFC Jamie Flemming, of Huron's 153rd Engineer Battalion, was named the National Guard Bureau's Region VI Logistician of the Year. The award is presented to the logistician of each area who displays excellent skills in proactive leadership, professionalism, quality of work and a customer focused mentality. SSG David Hughes was named the National Defense Transportation Association's Instructor of the Year for 2013. Hughes is an instructor in the SDARNG's 196th Regiment (RTI) in Sioux Falls. The NDTA Instructor of the Year award honors the best instructor in each of the service transportation schools.

As the SDNG looks forward to the future, never in its history has it been better trained, better equipped or more heavily relied upon than they are today. The SDNG continues its legacy and tradition as a force ready to support and defend its communities, state and nation.

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GOLDEN COYOTE

The South Dakota National Guard hosted its 29th Annual Golden Coyote training exercise, held in the Black Hills, June 8-22, 2013. The two-week training exercise has developed into one of the nation's top training opportunities for the National Guard, Reserve and active duty forces, as well as military personnel from allied countries. This exercise continues to provide relevant training opportunities in support of overseas contingency operations and homeland defense missions.

Working in cooperation with the National Forest Service, Bureau of Reclamation, Custer State Park, and Native American Reservations, the SDNG Golden Coyote training exercise offers military units the opportunity to conduct combat support missions in a realistic training environment. In addition, this exercise provides service members the training necessary to offer valuable services to the local communities.

Golden Coyote 2013 involved more than 3,800 total participants. These service members joined together from 42 Army National Guard units, six Army Reserve units, one Naval Reserve unit, active duty Airmen from Ellsworth Air Force Base and five allied countries to include 166 soldiers from Kosovo, Canada, Denmark, Great Britain and Germany.

This year's exercise also saw a visit from the Chief of the National Guard Bureau, Gen. Frank J. Grass. He observed units conduct operations, work on engineer projects, train on their equipment, as well as employ tactics during one of the many training events and battle drills.

Throughout the exercise, 17 engineer projects were executed, 2,800 Soldiers were trained on seven different warrior training lanes and 149 Soldiers were combat lifesaver certified. In addition, there was a tremendous amount of training in medical, chemical, transportation, signal, aviation, military police and quartermaster units.

Another integral portion of the exercise is the firewood haul mission. This mission involved the transportation of 197 loads of firewood, which were delivered to five different Native American Reservations for use as a heat source through the South Dakota winter. These missions provided an invaluable experience for the Soldiers, while helping to improve the forest and overall infrastructure of many local communities.

In addition to these real-life training opportunities, service members are provided the opportunity to participate in numerous warrior training tasks and battle drills, such as urban combat operations, land navigation, medical first aid, combat lifesaver certification, leadership reaction course, Virtual Combat Operations Trainer, Humvee Egress Assistance Trainer and multiple convoy operations.

IRT/CP PROGRAM

The Innovative Readiness Training and Community Projects Program provides hands-on readiness training opportunities while providing a direct benefit to communities. The program is built upon the long-standing tradition of the National Guard, acting as good neighbors at the local level in applying military personnel to assist worthy civic and community needs. 2013 was another successful year for all Soldiers and Airmen that took part in these training opportunities.

The 155th Engineer Company completed 14 projects this year: construction of a costume shop for the Black Hills Playhouse; installation of a memorial flagpole at the Lead Cemetery; renovations to a rappel tower for SD School of Mines & Technology ROTC; roof repair on multiple buildings for the Rapid City Sioux San Indian Health Services facility; construction of a picnic shelter and archery range at Lake Andes North Point Recreation Area; construction of a picnic shelter at Fairfax Park and a small addition to Dante Fire Department; renovations to the Charles Mix County 4-H building, Wagner Boy Scouts facility, American Legion Post 249 facility and the Avon Kids Club facility; installed playground equipment and poured cement pads at Lake Andes Park; installed steel roofing at the Bonesteel Swimming Pool Bathhouse and at the Bonesteel Fire Department.

The 155th Engineer Company also completed five projects with the help of allied forces from Denmark and the United Kingdom, which included installation of wooden steps at Pactola Reservoir, installation of shingle roofing at the Custer State Park Headquarters, renovations to Crooked Bridge in Custer State Park and to multiple bridges on the Michelson Trail, and construction of fishing piers at Sylvan Lake.

The 200th Engineer Company completed renovations to the Mobridge Rifle Range and the 842nd Engineer Company completed two projects: construction of urban close air support training facility near Belle Fourche for the U.S. Air Force and renovations to National Field Archery Association Foundation archery range near Yankton.

Select SDNG members completed three projects this year as part of the summer training enhancement program including construction of U.S. Air Force crash interpretive site near Edgemont, trail and campground renovations throughout the Black Hills National Forest, and construction of a community garden near Big Bend for the Crow Creek Sioux Tribe.

The SDNG – with support from partner units from other states and countries – provided assistance to numerous Native American tribes throughout South Dakota, where they provided medical services to more than 750 individuals in the form of primary care, x-ray, lab work, dentistry and optometry medical stations; provided veterinary services to more than 270 animals in the form of rabies/distemper vaccinations and veterinary education; and hauled nearly 200 truckloads of firewood – provided by the Black Hills National Forest – to help heat homes and for ceremonial purposes.



STATE PARTNERSHIP

In coordination with U.S. Southern Command, Suriname and South Dakota established a successful security cooperation relationship in 2006 under the National Guard State Partnership Program. The partnership has flourished during the past seven years, becoming a model for mutual security cooperation. The two parties have conducted more than 80 engagement activities in support of SOUTHCOM cooperation objectives with Suriname, including defeating transnational criminal networks, promoting response capacity for natural disasters and providing humanitarian relief, building partnership capacity for peacekeeping operation missions, enhancing regional access and advancing security sector reform.

There have also been significant leadership exchanges between the South Dakota National Guard and Suriname, which have fostered long-term, enduring personal and professional relationships that play a key role in ensuring the success of the SPP partnership. In addition to military-to-military and military-to-civilian contacts, the SPP has facilitated a number of corollary connections between South Dakota and Suriname in the civilian-to-civilian sectors, including medical, educational, non-governmental organizations, tourism and business exchanges. These contacts, privately funded, have greatly enhanced cultural, historical, political and commercial appreciation and understanding among the populations of Suriname and South Dakota.

SPP events currently account for 75 percent of all security cooperation activities that SOUTHCOM conducts in Suriname. Hundreds of Soldiers and Airmen from South Dakota have had the opportunity to work directly with their counterparts in Suriname. Their extensive collaboration has helped notably to advance SOUTHCOM's goals in security and stability in the Caribbean region and Western Hemisphere as a whole.

The partnership was formally initiated in August 2006 to develop a mutually beneficial, long-term security cooperation relationship between the two partners. South Dakota was selected to be Suriname's partner based upon similarities in culture, population size, land mass and agricultural-based economies. Size and capabilities of the respective military institutions also played a role in determining a proper fit for the partnership.

In 2013, exchanges took place in both South Dakota and Suriname and involved key leaders to include the Lieutenant Governor and the Adjutant General of South Dakota, the Minister of Defense and Chief of Defense of Suriname, and the U.S. Ambassador to Suriname. Members of both the SDNG and the Suriname Armed Forces conducted exchanges involving officer and NCO professional development, combat lifesaver medical, communications enhancement, tactics instructor and logistics assessments, Officer Candidate School program of instruction development, combat lanes development and joint operations center development. Thirteen significant exchanges overall were conducted last year.



COUNTERDRUG

The Counterdrug Program's mission is to provide counterdrug and civil operations support, as requested, by local, state and federal law enforcement agencies, schools and community-based organizations. Full-time National Guard Counterdrug Soldiers and Airmen serve in positions as instructors, analysts, staff, mechanics and aviators.

Counterdrug Aviation assists local, state and federal law enforcement agencies by providing aerial reconnaissance, photography, communication, FLIR, and night sun capability for missions involving the detection and disruption of drug trafficking, drug use and eradication throughout the year flying up to 500 hours a year to accomplish this mission. Counterdrug Aviation has changed aerial platforms from the OH-58 Kiowa to the new LUH-72 Lakota. The change has brought upgraded capabilities. Counterdrug's aviation pilot also deployed for part of the year to the U.S. southwest border as part of Operation River Watch II.

The Criminal Analyst team works collaboratively with the aviation team and law enforcement to provide link analysis, document exploitation, commodity-financial analysis and case construction. Currently, criminal analysts are assigned at the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Division of Criminal Investigation and Drug Enforcement Agency, but are able to assist law enforcement at any level reviewing and analyzing collected information, and providing legal, paralegal and auditing assistance.

The CA team assisted in the seizure of more than \$830,000 worth of drugs, money and property, and assisted in the prosecution of more than 100 people sentenced to state and federal felonies for narcotics related crimes. Analysts are also involved in the instruction of several groups, including LEO, on the newest narcotics trends in the U.S. They are also involved in the instruction of new analysts from all over the U.S., training more than 100 new analysts to date.

Counterdrug's Substance Abuse team mission is deterrence. The Substance Abuse team, in conjunction with unit prevention leaders, provides the testing and education to the approximately 4,300 members of the South Dakota Army and Air National Guard to deter the abuse of illegal drugs in support of the general's adjutant policy on drug use.



SERVICE MEMBER & FAMILY SUPPORT

Service Member & Family Support values the support and contributions of our families, employers and volunteers across the state. The success of the South Dakota National Guard relies on its military members, their families and the volunteers that support them.

The SMFS staff not only benefits service members and their families, veterans and employers, but also has a positive impact on a unit's morale and readiness. The SMFS provides support by helping bond National Guard service members and their families and employers together to promote a sense of camaraderie, aiding families in understanding the mission of the SDNG and rewards for belonging, and by informing and educating service members, their families and veterans about activities and resources available to them.

In 2013, the SDNG's Family Assistance staff made 3,441 outreach contacts to military families and service members of South Dakota and responded to 7,766 inbound cases. The top three requests for support for the year were military retirement, TRICARE and military ID cards. Outreach is contact initiated from the Family Assistance Center staff. This contact is through phone calls, mail outs and e-mail. The information the Family Assistance staff distributes is customized resources, education and support options specific to the needs of our families.

The Family Readiness staff conducted 58 training events with more 1,500 volunteers, service and family members in attendance. The primary focus of training was teaching volunteers and military members to manage Family Readiness Groups at the unit level to support commanders in creating ready and resilient families that can manage the daily challenges of military life.

The Child & Youth Program impacted 2,591 military youth through youth leadership symposiums, two S.D. Military Youth Camps, the Youth Council, youth activities at Yellow Ribbon events and recognition of Month of the Military Child in April. The Child & Youth Program also partnered with Operation Military Kids throughout the year and provided the community with trainings, information and resources regarding our South Dakota military youth.

The Yellow Ribbon Program had eight SDNG units in 2013 deploying or returning from deployment. The Yellow Ribbon team provided 11 events in 2013 combining units; two pre-mobilization events, three 30-day reintegration events, three 60-day awareness/well-being events and four family events. Yellow Ribbon provided information and resources to 1,355 service members and their families in 2013.

Post Deployment Health Re-Assessments were conducted for 118 Soldiers with follow-up and referral support for more than 100 Soldiers. Of those referrals, 78 Soldiers have taken advantage of the PDHRA program by visiting the Veterans Affairs to take care of their health concerns. For the year, the program has supported approximately 192 appointments to the VA. Although fewer Soldiers returned from deployment in FY13 compared to FY12, an increased number of Soldiers took advantage of the program by attending more appointments.

Military Funeral Honors supported 808 veterans' funerals, and conducted two 40-hour training courses for a total of 28 students who completed the Funeral Honors course.

Military OneSource conducted 24 events, 109 community outreaches, 52 community capacities and 57 direct supports.

Finally, Military and Family Life Consultants provided counseling and referral assistance to a multitude of service members and family members, participated in every Yellow Ribbon event and conducted presentations at Family Readiness Group meetings and unit trainings across South Dakota.

South Dakota Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve's volunteers provided 5,413 hours of support to our Reserve component members and their employers, impacting 4,683 employers and 9,278 service members. SD ESGR fielded 523 USERRA requests for service and mediated eight USERRA cases. 478 employers signed statements of support and 934 employers were recognized with the Patriot Award.

Within SMFS, three Resilience Training Assistance courses and six resiliency training events were conducted with 1,300 civilian and



military attendees. More than 3,100 SDNG service members conducted an eight-hour suicide prevention stand down along with 146 service members going through the two-day Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training class and an additional six service members receiving the ASIST Train-the-Trainer 40-hour qualification.

Survivor Outreach Services provided support to more than 152 Survivors in 80 counties across South Dakota in 2013. Survivor family members were provided assistance with accessing survivor benefits such as Survivor Benefit Plan annuities, ID cards, TRICARE, Tricare Dental Program, education assistance, Servicemen's Group Life Insurance, VA services, bereavement and behavioral health counseling, Social Services Administration benefits, employment assistance and various other entitlements and support.

The Transition Assistance Advisor provided support to service members at their mobilization station during the demobilization process, coordinated support with various veterans' agencies, supported several Yellow Ribbon events and provided support to all of South Dakota's Soldiers, Airmen, veterans and their families. The TAA also assisted countless numbers of veterans and retirees with getting assistance with the benefits and entitlements that they earned.

S.D. Airmen and family programs supported more than 4,029 military members and their families at two Yellow Ribbon events, including three Financial Planning classes. They served more than 1,100 Airmen and their families of the South Dakota Air National Guard.

Finally, SMFS participated in launching the first South Dakota Coalition of Military Families symposium and military immersion event in September. SDCMF is a state-wide response to a national initiative called "Joining Community Forces" and First Lady Michelle Obama's "Joining Forces" challenge. SDCMF connects community organizations with each other for increased awareness, education and mutual support of military members, veterans and their families.



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Headquarters for the South Dakota Air National Guard is located on Joe Foss Field in Sioux Falls. It is a critical element for the governor and the adjutant general, ensuring all units of the 114th Fighter Wing are trained and poised to respond to both state and national emergencies.

With 26 assigned members, the main focus of HQ SDANG is state emergency response to save lives, protect infrastructure and minimize suffering. This includes restoring essential services during natural disasters, civil disturbances and other significant emergencies. HQ SDANG is part of Joint Force Headquarters, which combines both the S.D. Army National Guard and S.D. Air National Guard into a joint command and control element. The JFHQ works closely with the National Guard Bureau, the Office of the Secretary of Defense, Northern Command and other joint staffs to ensure a capable and ready response on a state and national level. Acting in accordance with policies and procedures established by the Secretary of the Army and the Secretary of the Air Force, the JFHQ-SD determines capabilities to support homeland defense, defense support to civil authorities, and/or other domestic emergency missions in a state active duty, Title 32 or Title 10 status.

HQ SDANG saw changes this year with BG Matthew Jamison selected as assistant adjutant general for Air Guard, COL Allen Bolton becoming the chief of staff, along with CCM Welch assuming duties of the senior enlisted leader for the SDNG. The ATAG and CoS were both certified as dual-status commanders, thus providing command and control capability in the event of Title 10 active duty deploying in the state in response to a major disaster. The majority of personnel in HQ are assigned to the Exercise and Evaluation Team (EET) – charged with overseeing inspection processes. With the upcoming Unit Exercise Inspection in 2014, the EET oversaw the mobility process for the wing's AEF deployment, the Operational Readiness Exercise and other training aspects throughout the year. The 82nd Civil Support Team, which is also a joint Army/Air venture, responded to and provided support when an Ellsworth B-1 Bomber crashed this summer in a remote location in Montana. The joint staff responded in October when a large blizzard struck the Black Hills region immobilizing the area with up to four feet of snow. Numerous power lines were destroyed leaving large communities without power. A joint task force supplied Soldiers and Airmen to assist in snow removal and power restoration. Throughout the year, the joint staff assembled, and will continue to, in preparation for upcoming events and possible response to domestic operations.

114TH FW

SIoux FALLS/JOE FOSS FIELD

114TH COMMANDER – COL RUSS WALZ
VICE COMMANDER – COL STEVE WARREN

COMMAND CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT – CCM DEAN HILLBERG
FIRST SERGEANT – CMSGT RANDY WINGEN

Located on Joe Foss Field in Sioux Falls, the 114th Fighter Wing is made up of four Groups: 114th Operations Group (OG); 114th Maintenance Group (MXG); 114th Mission Support Group (MSG); and the 114th Medical Group (MDG). Together the units include nearly 1,000 Airmen. Each of the Groups provides vital contributions to ensure that the Wing achieves its mission to deploy worldwide and execute directed tactical fighter sorties to destroy enemy forces, supplies, equipment, communication systems and installations with conventional weapons.

Equipped with the F-16 Fighting Falcon, the members of the 114th FW can mobilize within days to deploy this battlefield asset to a theater of war. The 114th FW brings a variety of military occupational and technical specialties to support the war fighter. These include essential services in administration, intelligence, training, logistics, aircraft and vehicle maintenance, communications, security, engineering, medical and many other support functions. Many of these skills and services also provide a valuable capability to the state in times of domestic emergencies or natural disasters.

The men and women of the 114th FW are extremely proud of what they accomplished this past year. The wing superbly conquered the concurrent challenges of combat deployments and an evolving mission in the recently assigned Block 40 F-16 fighters. In every aspect of their performance they not only excelled, but established new and higher standards for other Air Force units to emulate. The 114th FW deployed 220 members in support of combat operations to five countries providing highly trained Airmen to meet combatant commander's objectives. Critical skills were further honed as a key participant in exceptionally demanding Red Flag and Jaded Strike exercises. An intense focus on safety and mission accomplishment, while at the same time taking care of Airmen, consistently reflected the complete commitment to excellence shared by every member of the unit.

These citizen-Airmen also eagerly served their fellow citizens through extensive and invaluable community volunteerism. They continue to be recognized as one of the top community corporate donors to the Sioux Falls Community Blood Bank. Airmen further mentor "at risk" middle school students, serve at the community banquet and support the collection and distribution of school supplies for local students. Overall, the unit members represented this unit, state and nation with the utmost professionalism.



114TH MSG

SIoux FALLS/JOE FOSS FIELD

114TH MISSION SUPPORT GROUP

COMMANDER – COL ED VANDERWOLDE
FIRST SERGEANT – MSGT KENNETH GRUNEWALDT

114TH FORCE SUPPORT SQUADRON

COMMANDER – MAJ SALLIE KETCHAM

114TH CIVIL ENGINEER SQUADRON

COMMANDER – LTC BRENT POST
FIRST SERGEANT – MSGT RYAN NEUGEBAUER

114TH SECURITY FORCES SQUADRON

COMMANDER – MAJ JOSEPH HARDIN
FIRST SERGEANT – MSGT CHAD OXENDER

114TH LOGISTICS READINESS SQUADRON

COMMANDER – LTC MARY RYSAVY
FIRST SERGEANT – MSGT SHAWN GREER

114TH COMMUNICATIONS FLIGHT

COMMANDER – MAJ KEVIN MILLER



The 114th Mission Support Group's (MSG) mission is to direct the activities of the 114th Civil Engineer Squadron, 114th Logistics Readiness Squadron, 114th Security Forces Squadron, 114th Force Support Squadron and the 114th Communications Flight toward the overall missions and objectives of the 114th Fighter Wing. The MSG and its associated squadrons and flights consists of 318 personnel that provide the support structure for the wing's day-to-day operations, as well as training for their individual war time tasking. In addition, the 114th MSG maintains many of the required skill sets to provide assistance to the state of South Dakota when tasked by the governor in times of disaster or emergency. Significant events of 2013 within MSG included preparing for next year's UEI, critical support of deploying Airmen and deploying on the AEF.

The 114th Civil Engineer Squadron provides facility, crash-fire-rescue and emergency management support for the 114th Fighter Wing. The squadron deployed 11 personnel to the AOR for six-month deployments over various timeframes. The squadron also had personnel at Volk Field, Wis., for a few weeks in April to conduct pit fire training, qualify on the M-4 rifle, construct a road and work on building remodeling and demolition. The engineering assistants conducted surveys and produced grading plans for improvements to the Yankton Archery Range.

Squadron programs were assessed in June during the Joint Service Integrated Vulnerability Assessment. The fire department received urban search and rescue equipment and two rapid intervention vehicles, which along with other fire department vehicles and equipment from the Emergency Management flight were part of the Domestic Operations Spotlight event held in September as part of National Preparedness Month. A joint aircraft accident incident tabletop exercise was held with the Sioux Falls Regional Airport. Squadron personnel participated in the preparation and execution of the base-wide phase I and II Operation Readiness Exercise in June.

A joint communications interoperability exercise between the SDANG, SDARNG, Civil Air Patrol and two other ANG wings were held in September. Long-range planning for future base development was conducted throughout the year as part

of the Installation Development Plan. Fifty three personnel from all sections of the squadron participated in Silver Flag training at Tyndall AFB, Fla., in November where personnel's war-time skills were trained and certified.

The 114th Logistics Readiness Squadron (LRS) provides and directs supply, fuels, procurement, motor vehicle, and military and commercial transportation support for the wing. The 114th LRS met many challenges in 2013. To start the year, the LRS welcomed a new commander when LTC Mary J. Rysavy transferred from the Wing Inspector General's Office. The 114th LRS supply section conducted extensive preparation for the unit's AEF to Southwest Asia. The unit prepared 233 personnel plus alternates for two different locations. The short notice change of location brought about changes to the required uniforms and supplies. The supply team worked diligently to overcome these challenges and all 233 personnel deployed without any personnel deployment discrepancies. While deployed, the supply team contributed to setting up the supply system at this bare base in SW Asia.

The 114th LRS vehicle maintenance section provided outstanding vehicle support once again this year. This section consists of 12 mechanics, maintaining 130 Fleet vehicles achieving a 98.9 percent in commission rate, which places them in the top five in the Air National Guard. The 114th LRS Distribution Flight started the year working with Toledo and Tulsa Air National Guard units for a rainbow deployment to SW Asia. This brought about many challenges as it was the largest equipment package they have deployed. With a late unexpected change, moving to a new location in theater, the Sioux Falls D-Flight team packed up and forward deployed eight C-17s of cargo – weighing 201 short tons. The experience and dedication of our team allowed this forward deployment to be executed without any delays or discrepancies. The 114th LRS fuels section provided outstanding support to the 114th FW flying operation with more than 200 hook-ups per month, pumping more than two million gallons of fuel this year. It was another outstanding year for the 114th LRS!

The 114th Security Forces Squadron provides protection for the people, property and resources at the 114th FW or in the deployed location. Accomplishing this mission requires extensive training in law enforcement and combat tactics.

Security Forces has a physically and mentally demanding mission, requiring highly focused and professional individuals.

Security Forces conducted annual training at the Combat Readiness Training Center at Volk Field and Fort McCoy, Wis. Tasks completed included annual weapons qualification on all assigned weapons, active shooter response, urban warfare training, tactical vehicle training and numerous combat readiness tasks. The completion of these tasks provides continued success in the security mission at Joe Foss Field, as well as the deployed mission.

The SFS facilitated training events in May and September that greatly enhanced the mission at Joe Foss Field. The 114th Ready Augmentee team completed all required security tasks at Volk Field that make them a great force multiplier to Security Forces. The training section in Security Forces Squadron also trained members of the Minnehaha County Sheriff's Office assigned to the 114th at Volk Field in September. The relationship between the sheriff's office and the 114th goes back more than 30 years and continues to be a program that is considered one of the finest in the National Guard.

The Joint Staff Integrated Vulnerability Assessment team came to Joe Foss Field in June where Security Forces held a significant role. The JSIVA team is a branch of the Defense Threat Reduction Agency that provides an assessment to the wing commander of potential threats to the installation, as well as its assets and vulnerabilities. Many squadrons were tasked during the JSIVA, but all members of the 114th are ultimately responsible for force protection.

The 114th Force Support Squadron provides cradle-to-grave support for Airmen throughout their entire career to include enlistment, training, development, promotions, deployment, family assistance, retirement, food service, fitness, lodging, funeral honors and support of color guard functions. Throughout the year, the Personnel Readiness Office successfully processed 260 personnel on deployments with zero deployment discrepancies. The Personnel Support for Contingency Operations team was among the first in the Air National Guard to attend Silver Flag under new training criteria. They set the tone by receiving the highest rating ►

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the inspector had seen in more than two years of previous evaluations.

During drill weekends, FSS served 9,129 hot meals, distributed 1,400 MREs, prepared and served 75 UGR meals, requisitioned 1,300 sack lunches and 1,200 catered meals. The FSS also managed the lodging program providing 2,563 room nights for approximately 250 members throughout the course of the year. In supporting the community, the color guard performed at numerous functions and provided 14 funeral honors. The Airman and Family Program office also had a stellar year. The office assisted more than 4,000 military members and their families, held two Yellow Ribbon events, organized three financial planning classes and offered a Strong Bonds class (Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage). Not to be outdone, the Recruiting and Retention offices worked extremely hard as the 114th FW closed out the year at 99.3 percent end strength.

The 114th Communications Flight provides the highest level of professional information technology customer service and management of IT equipment and outstanding maintenance of communications infrastructure for the 114th Fighter Wing. Its highly skilled technicians and drill status Guardsmen provide members with reliable voice and data networks, secure communications, information assurance and knowledge operations management in support of the all federal and state communication missions.

A few of the significant CF projects completed in 2013 included preparation for the April 2013 Joint Staff Integrated Vulnerability Assessment inspection, and the Network Control Center complied with all Cyber Control Orders and Network Tasking Orders – effecting user accounts, devices, multiple software products and services. Additionally, the 114th Wireless Transmissions shop replaced majority of the radio assets through a National Guard Bureau Tech Refresh, and they conducted a radio communication exercise capabilities test during the September Unit Training Assembly in conjunction with the 114th Emergency Management, S.D. Army National Guard, Joint Force Headquarters personnel, the 82nd Civil Support Team and the Civil Air Patrol.

114TH OG**SIOUX FALLS/JOE FOSS FIELD****114TH OPERATIONS GROUP**

COMMANDER – COL NATE ALHOLINNA

175TH FIGHTER SQUADRON

COMMANDER – LTC GREGORY LAIR

114TH OPERATIONS SUPPORT SQUADRON

COMMANDER – LTC DAVID SCHELLINGER

The 114th Operations Group completed the first full year after converting to the Block 40 F-16C. Maintenance stepped up in stellar fashion and generated a robust flying schedule culminating in a 3,227 flying hour year. They also were the lead unit to integrate the HARM Targeting System, or HTS pod, in the Air Force F-16 Block 40/42, vastly increasing their combat situational awareness and survivability. The unit had numerous deployments and exercises.

RED FLAG 13-3 – Nellis AFB, Nev., February-March 2013

Red Flag is an advanced aerial combat training exercise held at the Nevada Test and Training Range, the largest contiguous air and ground military operations area in the free world. 13-3 was the most diverse Red Flag in recent history; with more than 3,000 Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen from 40 bases and three countries. The OG operated in a realistic combat environment, 24 hours a day, for three weeks. Deploying six jets and 136 personnel, the OG flew 126 sorties, dropped 40 live and 23 inert munitions and fired three Maverick missiles against full scale targets with robust adversaries simulating realistic enemy integrated air defense systems. The unit planned and led Large Force Employment missions integrated with fifth generation fighters and non-kinetic effects options against adversaries – validating their air-to-air and air-to-ground tactics and preparing them for future combatant commander tasking.

JADED STRIKE – Davis Monthan AFB, Ariz., March 2013

Jaded Strike is a full spectrum air-to-ground Air Expeditionary Forces spin-up exercise partnering with Air National Guard coalition units (Tulsa and Toledo) – run by Joint Special Operations Command, Navy Special Operations Command and Development Group utilizing the Barry M. Goldwater Range Complex in Arizona. Along with mission training center simulators, this exercise served as a building block preparation for expected AEF tasking. Missions involved three coordinated areas of operation, multiple ISR aircraft (C-27s and U-28s), ground JTACs, and moving target engagements. The OG deployed six jets and 101 personnel, flew 34 sorties, and dropped 16 laser guided bombs against moving targets. This exercise along with Red Flag ended an unprecedented four plus weeks on the road for the 114th FW, with back to back

domestic temporary duty assignments.

AEROSPACE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE (AEF) – Southwest Asia, June - September 2013

This AEF rotation was uniquely challenging for members of the 175th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron – the initial spin-up and planning began one year prior for a unique mission and location. However, mission and location changed just one week prior to deployment. The SDANG arrived in Southwest Asia replacing the Ohio Air National Guard unit who had relocated there just two weeks prior. The men and women of the 175th EFS hit the ground running in order to set up the flying and maintenance operation supporting combat pilot training and air defense, as well as readying the squadron for an evolving mission 28 miles north in support of regional objectives.

The 407th Air Expeditionary Group was stood up a mere five days prior (the first Southwest Asia Air Force base build up in more than a decade). Key leadership and important positions on the fledgling group staff were filled by S.D. Airmen. Throughout the AEF tour, many volunteer hours were spent ensuring the group was mission ready. The SDANG had a major impact on all that will happen at the air base in the future, and set the bar high for all to follow. The squadron deployed 221 Airmen and coordinated the redeployment of eight F-16s and 466 tons of equipment for follow-on combat operation downrange with the Oklahoma ANG unit.

AEROSPACE CONTROL ALERT (ACA) – March ARB, Riverside, Calif.

South Dakota pilots and aircraft sit on alert duty throughout the year on the west coast. 114th pilots sit on 24 hour alert for seven continuous days at a time in support of this “No-Fail” mission. The alert site transitioned to South Dakota F-16s this summer and they assumed full responsibility for the site. In addition, they planned and flew two exercises, utilizing local Civil Air Patrol light aircraft and Air Force C-21s as targets, validating alert training, tactics and employment.

MISSION TRAINING CENTER (MTC)

– Nellis AFB, Nev. / Burlington, Vt.

The 114th OG deployed 30 pilots during three, one-week deployments to a high-fidelity, fifth generation, linked simulator training facility. This training complex provides advanced large force air-to-air and air-to-ground training against maximum number and robust threat arrays and provides invaluable combat training. This year's training was focused on Red Flag mission rehearsals integrated with other MTCs from across the world and the AEF mission spin-up.

114th OG graduated their first two female pilots from Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training. They are now midway through their training to becoming F-16C fighter pilots. Lieutenants Vanderostyne and Davis are currently in the F-16C Basic Course training at Tucson Ariz. They will be returning to South Dakota in the fall of 2014. They are two of seven students in the pilot training pipeline.

2013 was possibly the busiest and most challenging year on record. The 2014 operations tempo will slow only slightly as the Operations Group transitions to the new Air Force Inspection System. They will be the first ANG fighter unit to receive the first inspection Capstone event in the summer of 2014.



114TH MDG

SIoux FALLS/JOE FOSS FIELD

COMMANDER – COL TIM WILKINSON
FIRST SERGEANT – MSGT SHAWN GREER

The 114th Medical Group has some of the finest military medical professionals assigned to its roster. With 51 members, the 114 MDG has a mission to provide limited health services to the 1,026 members of the SDANG. With physicians, nurses, medics, lab technicians, dental, optometry, bio, public health, along with other medical professionals, the 114 MDG assures that Airmen are ready to deploy anytime, anywhere.

During the last year, the 114th MDG accomplished 253 physicals, 79 occupational health exams, 276 dental exams, 253 eye exams, delivery of 647 pairs of glasses and inserts, 200 hearing tests, 250 ANAM tests, 1,393 immunizations, 1,006 web HA assessments, 509 lab draws and 559 annual personal health assessments. Medical Administration pulled 2,087 medical records, 526 dental records and 971 Web HA reports.

The 114th Medical Group was directly involved with worldwide deployments of 288 Airmen to multiple and very diverse areas. This required 576 pre- and post-deployment assessments, compliance with multiple reporting instructions and unique immunization regimens. Bioenvironmental Engineering accounted for 20 routine industrial surveys, 100 quantitative fit tests on industrial respirators, 800 quantitative fit tests on military gas masks, 51 ventilation



surveys are accomplished quarterly and 11 special surveys for noise dosimetry, air sampling and x-ray surveys.

The Medical Group immunized 99 percent of the SDANG personnel, far exceeding the goal of 95 percent. Dental went above and beyond their goal of 90 percent of dental readiness by reaching 94.3 percent of the force. Airmen of the 114th MDG are exceptionally hard working, have a great work ethic and take tremendous pride in their work. Individually and collectively, they put forth outstanding efforts during 2013.

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114TH MXG

SIoux FALLS/JOE FOSS FIELD

114TH MAINTENANCE GROUP
COMMANDER – COL JOEL DE GROOT
DEPUTY COMMANDER – LTC KEVIN CURLEY

114TH MAINTENANCE SQUADRON
COMMANDER – LTC SCOTT RUST
FIRST SERGEANT – MSGT THOMAS DUMMERMUTH

114TH AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE SQUADRON
COMMANDER – MAJ KELLY PETTERSON
FIRST SERGEANT – SMSGT SCOTT LEEBENS

114TH MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS FLIGHT
COMMANDER – 2LT ROSS ROLLINGER

The 114th Maintenance Group's mission is to ensure that aircraft and equipment are safe, serviceable and properly configured to achieve mission requirements. The 114th MXG is comprised of approximately 470 members and is organized into three assigned units: 114th Maintenance Squadron (MXS); 114th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron (AMXS); and the 114th Maintenance Operations Flight (MOF). The professionals in the 114th MXG are tasked to inspect, repair, overhaul, modify, test and analyze the assigned aircraft and equipment and to ensure air worthiness and serviceability. This generally includes both on and off-equipment maintenance. The MXS primarily performs off-equipment maintenance tasks that cannot be effectively accomplished on or at the weapon system (F-16 Fighter) or end-item of equipment, but require the removal of the component to a shop or facility for repair. Whereas the AMXS is primarily responsible for the on-equipment maintenance tasks that can be effectively performed on or at the weapon system or end item of equipment.

Many challenges highlighted 2013 for the 114th MXG. At the forefront was temporary duty to prepare for the Aerospace Expeditionary Force overseas deployment. The MXG generated (fueling, munitions/ammunition loading/unloading, aircraft reconfiguration, technical orders inspections and other servicing requirements) six F-16 aircraft, plus two spares, to deploy in February in support of Red Flag 13-3 exercise to Nellis AFB, Nev. This exercise required 137 personnel to deploy for three weeks to work alongside coalition forces supporting the Air Force Warfare Center's Joint Weapons School. A total of 66 munitions and thousands of chaff/flare defensive weapons were loaded throughout the generation of 122 sorties (combat missions).

Immediately upon conclusion of this exercise, the F-16's were sent to Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz., for exercise Jaded Strike. An additional 100 maintainers were deployed for a week to support pilot training required for the AEF deployment. These same six aircraft executed an additional 46 sorties, flying more than 80 hours prior to re-deploying to Joe Foss Field. The unit performed an Operational Readiness Exercise consisting of two distinct phases requiring two Unit Training Assemblies. MXG successfully generated 12 of 12 fighter aircraft within the Inspector General's allotted time frame in addition to processing 120 short tons of equipment in Phase I. Phase II consisted of generated sorties at its War Mobilization Plan rate during two days. The only sorties missed were cancelled because of weather, not a normal occurrence in June.

The challenges continued over the summer months. Two hundred maintainers were deployed to an overseas location for more than 60 days. During this time, the 114th had eight F-16 aircraft simultaneously deployed to two Aerospace Control Alert Detachments, one in Ohio and one in California. These detachments are in support of homeland defense and are required to be launched in a moment's notice, 24/7.



Each F-16 is required to undergo periodic inspections every 400 flying hours. These are known as phase inspections. The Flying Hour program required seven aircraft to undergo this maintenance intensive inspection, which normally requires 30 days to complete. Time Change Technical Orders are also a constant demand within the aircraft maintenance world, since the aircraft is grounded at the end of the compliance period if the time change technical order is not complied with. One such time change technical order inspection resulted in the requirement to remove and replace the entire wing of an F-16. The 114th MXG completed two complete wing assembly changes this past year.

2013 was another successful year for the 114th Flying Hour program. Despite sequestration, furloughs and the government shut down, the 114th managed to fly 1,976 local sorties and a total of 2,890 flying hours. The 114th supported Operation Noble Eagle, along with deployments to Nellis AFB, Davis-Monthan AFB and an AEF rotation in Southwest Asia.

Once again, the 114th MXG experienced personnel changes throughout the course of the year. They said goodbye to LTC Ed Vanderwolde, who moved on to command the 114th Mission Support Group, which opened the door for LTC Kevin Curley to return from a STAT tour at Langley AFB, Va., to become the deputy commander for the Maintenance Group. SMSgt Jeff Vanderwoude completed his tour as the first sergeant for the Maintenance Squadron and was replaced by MSgt Thomas Dummermuth.

Each F-16 is required to undergo periodic inspections every 400 flying hours.

JFHQ RAPID CITY

JFHQ COMMANDER – BG KEVIN GRIESE
CHIEF OF THE JOINT STAFF – COL BILL FREIDEL
CHIEF OF STAFF – COL THOMAS CROYMANS
COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR – STATE CSM SUSAN SHOE
DET. COMMANDER – MAJ CLINT SHEPHERD
FIRST SERGEANT – ISG NATHAN HEDIN

Joint Force Headquarters, of Rapid City, is one of four major commands in the SDARNG, and is a critical element for all 41 units across the state; providing command and control of essential services in administration, intelligence, training, logistics, maintenance, communications, Soldier and family services and other support functions.

With more than 200 members assigned, the main focus for JFHQ is to support more than 3,200 members of the SDARNG, and to provide trained and equipped, ready forces capable of mobilizing and deploying in support of state and federal missions and conducting missions authorized by the governor and/or the National Command Authority.

The JFHQ was instrumental in providing command and control, personnel and coordination to the 29th annual Golden Coyote training exercise in June 2013. The unit worked diligently to support more than 3,500 military personnel from 55 units, involving 22 states and five foreign countries.

RECRUITING BN RAPID CITY

COMMANDER – LTC KORY KNIGHT
COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR – CSM JOHN MALLINGER

The Recruiting and Retention Battalion headquartered out of Rapid City, with recruiters in 25 communities covering South Dakota's 77,000 plus square miles, is tasked with the mission of recruiting and retaining quality Soldiers in the South Dakota Army National Guard. With 47 Soldiers and contractors throughout the state, the R&R Battalion continued to exceed the SDARNG's mission for recruiting, by recruiting into its ranks and retaining the state's greatest asset, its citizens. It is these citizen-Soldiers that keep units at a high state of relevance and readiness.

The battalion worked hard this year with units across the state to achieve success in keeping the Army Guard's overall strength above 100 percent. Additionally, the Recruit Sustainment Program, with a detachment in Sioux Falls and another in Rapid City, continues to climb in national ranking, breaking once again into the top five in the nation. Tasked with familiarizing newly enlisted Soldiers with rank identification, drill and ceremony, the M-16 rifle, the Army Values, physical fitness and other aspects of the military, the RSP strives to ensure the success of the state's warriors.

2013 was a year of change and challenges with the return of MAJ Kerry Engelmam as the battalion executive officer and MSG John Mallinger promoted to battalion CSM. As requirements and standards continued to get tighter, the R&R Battalion continued to bring the state's best and brightest into its ranks.

196TH (RTI)

FORT MEADE/SIOUX FALLS

REGIMENT COMMANDER – COL TIM MORAN
COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR – CSM PATRICK COUSER
HQ COMPANY COMMANDER – CPT ALLEN GODSELL
FIRST SERGEANT – ISG SCOTT ROSENKRANZ

1-196TH COMMANDER – LTC DEB BARTUNEK
CHIEF INSTRUCTOR – MSG TODD BARTELS
BRAVO COMPANY, 1-196TH COMMANDER – MAJ WYATT HANSEN

2-196TH COMMANDER – LTC MARK WIESNER
CHIEF INSTRUCTOR – MSG BROOKS SCHILD

The 196th Regiment (Regional Training Institute) located at Fort Meade is one of the premier regional training institutes throughout the Army National Guard. The regiment maintains its status of "A Learning Institute of Excellence" by the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command as it continues to be one of the nation's top training institutes.

With 60 members, the regiment provides a model environment for training future leaders for the Army National Guard and provides general instruction on a variety of military courses. The 196th Regiment (RTI) has two subordinate battalions: 1st Battalion (Officer Candidate School) at Fort Meade and the 2nd Battalion (Modular Training) in Sioux Falls.

The Fort Meade campus is home to one of the nation's four consolidated OCS programs where enlisted Soldiers who want to become officers conduct a three-phase program designed to stress their mental and physical capabilities, and evaluate their leadership potential for future commissioning as second lieutenants. This year, candidates, cadre, and staff from 36 different states participated in the program.

1st Battalion also manages a Warrant Officer Candidate School Program, which successfully guided four candidates through phase I and II in order to attend phase III at Camp Atterbury, Ind. The program is designed to develop and evaluate leadership skills for enlisted Soldiers wanting to become highly skilled, single-track specialists, and serve as technical experts in a particular field. The battalion also offers the Tactics Certification Course and Platoon Trainer Qualification Course; two specialty courses for platoon trainers and instructors in the OCS environment. Overall, the battalion trained more than 400 Soldiers last year with the courses it offered.

Second Battalion also had an excellent year in training more than 500 Soldiers in a variety of military courses. The battalion provided instruction in military occupational specialties such as truck driver (88M), multiple launch rocket system crewmember (13M) and operations/fire direction specialist (13P) as well as conducted Noncommissioned Officer Education System courses within the 13M and 13P specialties. The battalion also provided functional course training to Soldiers through its Combat Lifesaver Course, Modern Army Combatives Program, Small Group Instructor Course, Army Basic Instructor Course and Resilience Trainer Assistance Course. The modular training battalion also manages the Company Level Pre-Command Course where new and future commanders and first sergeants gather the tools necessary to be successful leaders of companies within the SDARNG.

109TH RSG

RAPID CITY

109TH COMMANDER – COL MARSHALL MICHELS
COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR – CSM JAMES HOEKMAN

HHD COMMANDER – CPT ANDREW THIMGAN
DETACHMENT SERGEANT – SFC MICHAEL HUITEMA

The 109th Regional Support Group, of Rapid City, is one of four major commands for the South Dakota Army National Guard. Its mission is to provide command and control (C2) and supervision for 23 units with approximately 900 Soldiers in nine communities throughout South Dakota.

With about 60 Soldiers assigned, the 109th Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment serves as a higher headquarters to assist assigned or attached units in meeting training, administrative and logistical needs, and to help units achieve readiness and deployment requirements. To meet its homeland defense and state mission requirements, the 109th RSG also serves as C2 for Task Force 109, and supports civil authorities in emergency and disaster response. To prepare for this mission, the unit trained selected individuals on the Incident Command System, wildland fire training and civil disturbance training.

In September, Col. Marshall Michels took command of the 109th RSG from Col. Bill Freidel, who served in the position since June 2011. The 109th attended the Golden Coyote exercise for their annual training this year. The unit provided command and control for exercise operations at Camp Guernsey, Wyo. Task Force 109 also provided C2 of state active duty personnel, equipment support and mission tasking for Winter Storm Atlas in October.



152ND CSSB

PIERRE

152ND COMMANDER – LTC MICHAEL J. OSTER
COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR – CSM SAMUEL J. HARKIN

HHC COMMANDER – CPT WAYLON T. SKELTON
FIRST SERGEANT – SFC ELIZABETH P. CRAWFORD

The 152nd Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, of Pierre, provides command and control (C2) and supervision for four units with nearly 500 Soldiers in six communities throughout South Dakota. With 69 assigned members, the 152nd Headquarters and Headquarters Company serves as a battalion higher headquarters to assist assigned units in meeting training, administrative and logistical requirements and achieve readiness. The unit can also deploy worldwide to provide multifunctional combat support and combat service support to forces throughout an assigned area of operations in a combat theater.

The CSSB also serves as C2 for Task Force 152 and supports civil authorities in emergency and disaster response to meet its homeland defense and state mission requirements. The CSSB has a unique, additional mission requirement to provide an Initial Response Team for the Solem Women's Prison in Pierre.

The unit won the prestigious Phillip A. Connelly Award for excellence in food service at the state and region level in FY 12, and in November 2012, the unit participated as a finalist at the DA level Phillip A. Connelly Award competition.

During FY13, the CSSB prepared, trained and deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. The unit worked tirelessly to complete all pre-mobilization training requirements, which included warrior tasks and battle drills, weapons qualifications, combat lifesaver and combat-atives training. In March, the unit trained at Camp Dodge, Iowa, to conduct a MDMP scenario-based staff exercise, where the unit operated according to sustainment doctrine and refined internal battle drills. The unit also trained at Camp Guernsey, Wyo., in April to refine weapons skills and perform lanes training for deployment validation.

Unit leadership attended three major training exercises in preparation for deployment: Mission Command Training, TOCEX and Unified Endeavor. Each exercise provided invaluable training experiences that allowed 152nd staff members to work side by side active duty higher headquarters counterparts.

In July, the unit was activated and departed to Fort Hood, Texas, for continued training and additional validation. In August, the unit departed to Kandahar Air Field, Afghanistan. The CSSB executed mission command of sustainment and redeployment, retrograde, material reduction support to all U.S. coalition forces, within the scope of their national agreements, operating in Regional Command South, Southwest and West to enable the supported commanders freedom of actions unhindered by logistics.



82ND CST

ELLSWORTH AIR FORCE BASE

COMMANDER – LTC BRENDAN MURPHY
FIRST SERGEANT – ISG MIKE WEYRICH

The 82nd Civil Support Team is the South Dakota National Guard's all-hazard response team with emphasis in the areas of chemical, biological and radiological incidents. The team is composed of 22 Soldiers and Airmen, certified as hazardous materials technicians, capable of responding to almost every disaster, natural or man-made. The team is organic to the state; however, they can be called upon for deployment nationwide.

The CST is primarily a support unit, called to incidents and events of local, state and national significance. They render support to civilian agencies, typically a local fire department, police/sheriff department, county emergency management office and other agencies of the first-responder community.

In March, the 82nd participated in a joint CST exercise in Sioux City, Iowa, with CSTs from Nebraska and Iowa. The focus of this training was to gain experience in working and coordinating operations with multiple CSTs responding to an incident.

In May, a change of command took place between LTC Jim Selchert and MAJ Brendan Murphy. Selchert commanded the team for three years, during which time the unit received the Superior Unit Award in 2011 and 2012.

In June, members of the 82nd conducted chemical and biological warfare agent training at Dugway Proving Grounds in Utah to reinforce their skills. Firefighters from the Rapid City Fire Department and Sioux Falls Fire and Rescue participated in the training in an ongoing effort to develop the working relationship between the CST and civilian agencies across the state.

August was a busy month for the CST. The 82nd conducted an air monitoring mission at the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally, where they set up detection equipment around the City of Sturgis to monitor the air conditions and ensure the safety of rally attendees. The 82nd also responded to the Ellsworth AFB B1-Bomber that crashed near Broadus, Mont., where they provided communications support during recovery efforts.

1742ND TC

SIoux FALLS/FLANDREAU

COMMANDER – CPT TYLER GERLACH
FIRST SERGEANT – ISG JOHN RAJOL

The 1742nd Transportation Company, of Sioux Falls, provides transportation of both dry and refrigerated containerized cargo, general non-containerized cargo and bulk water and fuel products. With more than 130 members in Sioux Falls, and more than 50 members in its detachment in Flandreau, the company uses M-915A tractors with M872AI trailers to complete assigned missions.

The 1742nd spent much of 2013 preparing for their deployment to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. The unit spent nearly three weeks in October conducting pre-mobilization training at Fort McCoy, Wis., in preparation for its overseas deployment. Unit members conducted convoy training, entry control point (ECP) training, combat life saver (CLS) training, land navigation and training with individual and crew-served weapons.

In December, 162 members of the 1742nd were honored during a deployment ceremony in Harrisburg. Thousands of family members, friends and community supporters gathered at the Harrisburg High School auditorium to see the Soldiers off as they departed for their year-long tour. In 2014, the unit will move military equipment and supplies out of Afghanistan as U.S. forces begin to withdraw from the country.



740TH TC

MILBANK/ABERDEEN

COMMANDER – CPT CODY EASTMAN
FIRST SERGEANT – ISG DOUGLAS BORCHERT

The 740th Transportation Company, of Milbank and Aberdeen, provides transportation of both dry refrigerated cargo and bulk water and fuel products. With more than 100 members in the unit headquarters in Milbank and more than 70 members in its detachment in Aberdeen, the unit uses M-915 semi-tractor trailers to complete assigned missions.

In May, the company took part in the annual city wide cleanup in Milbank and surrounding areas to help the communities look their best. More than 40 loads were picked up from residents and taken to the local landfill. The Soldiers picked up everyday household items along with furniture and carpet.

The 740th set out for a two week annual training in support of the Golden Coyote exercise. During this time, 160 Soldiers packed up their equipment and hit the pavement with their M-915s, traveling more than 160,000 miles in six states. They hauled a military police unit out of Pennsylvania to and from the exercise. They also hauled more than 41 pieces of equipment consisting of humvees, trailers and light wheeled tactical vehicles.

More than 28 men and women of the 740th volunteered to deploy to Afghanistan in December with the 1742nd Transportation Company of Sioux Falls and Flandreau.

The unit was presented the National Guard Superior Unit Award in September in recognition of their outstanding achievements during training year 2012. The Superior Unit Award is presented only to units that meet very high standards. The unit was called to many other missions throughout 2013 that resulted in 60,000 miles driven on non-annual training missions across the state and other parts of the U.S.

147TH ARMY BAND

MITCHELL

COMMANDER – CW4 TERRY BECKLER
FIRST SERGEANT – ISG DAVE BARKUS

The 147th Army Band, of Mitchell, is one of the premier Army Bands in the National Guard. Comprising more than 40 members, the Soldier-musicians of the 147th Army Band provide music throughout the full spectrum of military operations and instill in our service members the will to fight and win, foster support of our citizens and promote our national interests at home and abroad.

Thanks to a supportive battalion and patience on the side of the unit's administrative and command personnel, South Dakota's own 147th Army Band spent part of their annual training working with Lang Bliss of Tom Jackson Productions. Tom Jackson Productions works with professional performing groups all over the nation creating entertaining shows. Bliss worked with the 147th Army Band on building a complete show incorporating a solid set list, impressive visuals, interesting musical ideas, and memorable moments. He took time to work individually with each of the 147th Army Band's five Music Performance Teams (MPTs) and spent about three hours per piece focusing on visual and musical details. Bliss brought new ideas and rekindled the creative fire within the band. The experience was creatively challenging and helped to make the MPTs of the 147th Army Band more mission-ready and relevant for today's audiences.

The MPTs were presented great opportunities to quickly put their recent training into practice during their performances throughout the National Enlisted Conference. All of the unit's MPTs performed at some time during the conference. Some other highlights of the year included the SDNGEA Conference, the annual Legislative Dining-Out and "SGT Rock" being featured on South Dakota Public Broadcasting's "No Cover, No Minimum."

MED COMMAND

RAPID CITY

COMMANDER – CPT BRAD SUDBECK
FIRST SERGEANT – MSG EDWARD ANDERSH

Medical Command provides health force sustainment and protection for South Dakota Army National Guard units throughout the state. With 50 or more assigned members located in Rapid City, the Medical Command has physicians, physician assistants, dentists, nurses and medical technicians to administer medical evaluations, exams and treatment to Soldiers.

In this capacity, the unit helps the SDARNG achieve medical readiness and deployment requirements. The unit can also deploy worldwide to provide multi-functional medical care to an attached headquarters and assigned units in a combat theater. To meet its homeland defense and state mission requirements, the Medical Command can augment civilian medical agencies in an emergency or disaster response.

In 2013, as a part of the unit's year-round annual training, the unit traveled throughout the state to help support SDARNG units with Soldier Readiness Processing and Periodic Health Assessments. The Medical Command also supported the 109th RSG during the 2013 Golden Coyote training exercise.

TRAINING CENTER

RAPID CITY

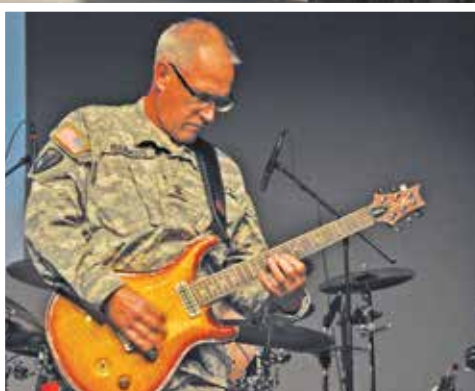
COMMANDER – LTC KEVIN DEJONG
COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR – CSM DOUG MAHONEY

The mission of Rapid City's Training Center Command is to operate the installation; manage and administer the use of resources; provide administrative, training and logistical support to assigned, attached and tenant units and activities; prepare to expand and operate as a separate installation upon mobilization.

The TCC provides leadership, control and supervision to accomplish the mission of a functioning garrison, post engineer, administration, communication, logistical and training services as required by unit's conducting training at the installation. The TCC develops plans, policies, regulations and SOPs for the operation of the post and provides the adjutant general with the necessary post support to conduct annual training. The TCC also provides assistance to the adjutant general in the logistical support of units engaged in providing military support to civil authorities.

TCC is essential in providing equipment for use by assigned and attached full-time personnel, active component augmentation, state personnel and National Guard technicians to maintain, service and repair buildings and structures, plants and equipment, roads, ranges, utilities and other installation real property assets. This also includes the service, repair and maintenance of environmental equipment in support of both pre/post mobilization missions and annual training.

The TCC provided support services for approximately 3,500 service members participating in this year's Golden Coyote exercise. Support included the provision of billeting, dining and training areas. Training areas most utilized were the land navigation course, leadership reaction course, obstacle course, MOUT and live-fire ranges, and simulations equipment such as the Engagement Skills Trainer, Virtual Convoy Operations Trainer and HMMWV Egress Assistance Trainer.



881ST TROOP COMMAND

STURGIS

881ST COMMANDER – LTC TODD BARTUNEK
COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR – CSM DAN KONECHNE
HHB COMMANDER – CPT SARAH JENSEN
DETACHMENT SERGEANT – SFC ERIC KINSLOW

The 881st Troop Command, of Sturgis, provides command and control and supervision for 13 distinct units and detachments totaling about 300 Soldiers in four communities throughout South Dakota. With nearly 25 assigned members, the 881st Headquarters and Headquarters Battery serves as a higher headquarters to assist units in training, administrative and logistical needs, and to help units achieve readiness and deployment requirements.

To meet its homeland defense and state mission requirements, the 881st also serves as the command element for Task Force 881, and supports civil authorities in emergency and disaster response. Its TF units support civil authorities in the protection of life, property and preservation of peace, order and public safety on order of the governor, and act as a response force for homeland security.

This year, the 881st focused on supporting several units returning from overseas deployment: Detachment I, Company B, 935th Support Battalion, the 1978th Contingency Contracting Team and the 129th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment. The 881st staff also supported Phase 1A of the Officer Candidate School at Fort Meade. The command also had Soldiers from Company's B and D, 1-112th Aviation Regiment deployed in support of the U.S. southwest border mission.

216TH & 451ST

RAPID CITY

216TH/451ST COMMANDER – CW2 TERRY HOEY
216TH FIRE CHIEF – SFC AUSTIN HAGEN
451ST STATION CHIEF – SSG MAXWELL STOLTENBURG

The 216th Engineer Detachment (Firefighting Team) is a headquarters element with a mission to provide command and control over firefighting teams in a theater of operations; including fire protection of aviation and major facilities. The unit has four positions, of which each is trained specifically to provide command support of up to five firefighting teams, ensuring that personnel and equipment are fully capable of carrying out their mission.

The 451st Engineer Detachment (Firefighting Team) provides firefighting service and support in a theater of operations including fire protection of aviation and major facilities. The detachment is a seven-person unit with equipment including firefighting gear, a tactical firefighting truck and a HEMTT based water tender.

In 2013, the unit participated in the Golden Coyote exercise and conducted fire training at Ellsworth Air Force Base. The unit also trained with the Rapid City Fire Department.

129TH MPAD

RAPID CITY

COMMANDER – MAJ ROBERT ASSCHERICK
FIRST SERGEANT – ISG LORISSA WETZLER

The 129th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment of Rapid City provides public affairs support to units across the state, as well as to deployed units in support of a combined, unified or joint operation. The 20 member detachment uses print and broadcast journalism to help tell the story of the U.S. military and the South Dakota National Guard.

In 2013, 11 unit members along with seven out-of-state Soldiers deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. The 129th's mission was to provide public affairs guidance to the units and commands stationed at four bases the MPAD was assigned to. They provided media escort, print and broadcast news and training for Afghanistan Army public affairs personnel.



730TH ASMC

VERMILLION

COMMANDER – CPT JOSHUA PAULL
FIRST SERGEANT – ISG MICHAEL RATH

The 730th Area Support Medical Company, of Vermillion, is composed of combat medics, lab technicians, radiologists, dental technicians, mental health technicians, medical doctors, nurses, physician's assistants and maintenance and support staff. Approximately 90 members of the 730th stand ready to provide Echelon I and Echelon II health support to any personnel within its area of operations.

To provide Echelon I, or basic Emergency Medical Services, the unit is equipped with medical ambulances to quickly get to, evacuate and provide continuing care to patients en-route to the medical treatment facility. The ASMC is further able to provide Echelon II care, of an emergent or inpatient/outpatient nature, designed to return Soldiers back to duty or evacuate them on to definitive care as quickly as possible.

In addition to their federally mandated mission, the 730th has been assigned by the state to Task Force 196 to provide medical support including: cordon/quarantine operations, MANPADS/airport security; emergency support during natural/manmade disasters; and civil disturbances.

2013 brought many training opportunities for the 730th. Annual training was held in Lower Brule and Fort Thompson, where the unit partnered with Indian Health Services to aid area residents with medical support. Clinical work, health fairs, dental exams and 24-hour ambulance support were the focus of the mission. A total of 66 personnel convoyed to Chamberlain and set up camp in the local armory.

The mission was highlighted by a visit from Gen. Frank J. Grass, chief of the National Guard Bureau. Grass is a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and serves as a military adviser to President Obama, Secretary of Defense Hagel, the National Security Council, and is the Department of Defense's official channel of communication to the governors and state adjutants general on all matters pertaining to the National Guard. He visited the site to better understand the mission of the 730th and its participation in support of the Golden Coyote training exercise.



1978TH CCT

RAPID CITY

COMMANDER – MAJ MATTHEW SYMONDS
NCOIC – SFC JACK HAHNE

The 1978th Contingency Contracting Team plans for and coordinates all contracting functions at the brigade combat team level. The 1978th is capable of deploying worldwide and can sustain operations, either as an independent contingency contracting office, or as an early entry module for unit contingency contracting in an austere environment, and can provide contingency contracting support for deployed forces.

In 2013, the four person unit deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. The unit's mission was to assist with the development and administration of contracting support plans and policies in support of U.S. and coalition forces throughout Afghanistan. The Soldiers ensured contracting officers executed valid, legally enforceable documents, prepared in full compliance with federal procurement regulations and directives.



935TH

RAPID CITY

COMMANDER – CW2 DAVID HANDSHUE
DETACHMENT SERGEANT – SFC KURT GROSS

Rapid City is home to Detachment I, Company B, 935th Support Battalion, located at the Army Aviation Support Facility near the Rapid City Regional Airport. Approximately 30 Soldiers make up the 935th whose mission is to provide aviation maintenance and repair support to aircraft armament and avionics equipment.

The 935th provides maintenance support for the SDARNG's rotary aircraft: the UH-60 Black Hawk and the LUH-72 Lakota. The maintenance the 935th Soldiers provide for the rotary aircraft keep the state ready to provide safe and capable helicopters; whether for a training mission or for a stateside mission such as assisting in the event of a wildfire.

The unit returned home in April from a successful nine-month deployment to Kuwait in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. The unit provided aviation maintenance and repair support to the 35th Combat Aviation Brigade.

In November, the unit welcomed a new commander; CW2 David Handshue took over for CW3 John Wurtz, who commanded the 935th since September 2009.

641ST

RAPID CITY

COMMANDER – CW4 WAYNE WALKER
DETACHMENT SERGEANT – SSG MATTHEW DAY

Rapid City is home to Detachment 3, Company A, 641st Aviation Regiment, which is located at the Army Aviation Support Facility near the Rapid City Regional Airport. Approximately eight Soldiers make up the 641st whose mission is to provide command, control and communications, staff transport and liaison, casualty transport, and air movement of critical equipment, supplies and personnel.

The 641st supports numerous flight requests both state-side and abroad with their C-23 Sherpa fixed-wing aircraft. The unit consists of warrant officer pilots and enlisted flight engineer/load masters. The unit's various mission requests include: High Altitude Low Opening (HALO) training drops for Special Forces Soldiers, airborne training jumps, passenger transports and paradrop missions.



CO C, 1/189TH

RAPID CITY

COMMANDER – MAJ MICHAEL FLANERY
FIRST SERGEANT – ISG SHELLEY REEDER

Company C, 1st Battalion, 189th Aviation Regiment is designed to provide aeromedical evacuation support with its six UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters. Based in Rapid City at the Army Aviation Support Facility, the unit has about 70 pilots, crew chiefs, medics, aviation operations specialists and support personnel who continuously train to maintain a high state of readiness. This level of preparedness helps to support the state and nation during natural or domestic emergencies and to support units within an assigned area of operation in a theater of war or peacekeeping operation.

The unit also has three support detachments of about 20 personnel who augment aviation operations and provide aviation maintenance, refueling and ground maintenance support: Detachment 2, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1/189th; Detachment 2, Company D, 1/189th; and Detachment 2, Company E, 1/189th.

2013 brought many changes to the 1/189th. After returning from deployment in 2012, much of the last year has been focused around reintegration and reset. All of the unit equipment returned from deployment went through the reset program to ensure mission readiness.

In May, four flight medics began six months of training to become paramedic qualified through Western Dakota

Technical Institute. In June, the 1/189th had a home station annual training. Throughout FY13, the unit had several Soldiers support fire and MEDEVAC missions in South Dakota and Colorado. The unit has also been working diligently to prepare for the upcoming transition to the M model UH-60 Black Hawks.

CO D, 1/112TH

RAPID CITY

COMMANDER – MAJ MICHAEL MCDANIEL
FIRST SERGEANT – ISG BRUCE CONGER

Company D, 1-112th Aviation Regiment provides aeromedical evacuation in support of homeland security defense requirements including Northern Command's area of responsibility, state adjutants general and selected OCONUS (outside the continental United States) operations.

The unit has about 50 members – comprised of pilots, crew chiefs, medics, aviation operations specialists and support personnel – who continuously train to maintain a high state of readiness. The unit's primary mission is MEDEVAC using the LUH-72A Lakota helicopter. Co. D has two detachments located in Idaho and Wisconsin.



CO B, 1/112TH

RAPID CITY

DETACHMENT COMMANDER – ILT JOHN BARNES
DETACHMENT SERGEANT – SFC SCOTT HELMANN

Detachment I, Company B, 1-112th Aviation Regiment provides command, control and communication flights, limited air movements, aerial reconnaissance and screening operations for homeland security defense requirements.

The unit has about 30 members – comprised of pilots, crew chiefs, aviation operations specialists and support personnel – who continuously train to maintain a high state of readiness. The unit's primary mission is aerial reconnaissance using its two LUH-72A Lakota helicopters. The Lakota provides an aerial platform equipped with visual and infrared cameras and a high-powered searchlight capable of providing an 'eye in the sky,' day or night. The unit is a detachment of Company B, 1-112th located in Michigan.

In May, the unit said goodbye to its previous airframe; the OH-58 Kiowa helicopter, which served nearly two decades as a part of the South Dakota Army National Guard's inventory. The Kiowa flew numerous counter-narcotics, search and rescue and public event missions.

In September, members of the unit deployed for a mission to the U.S. Southwest border. The Guardsmen provided aerial detection and monitoring in support of U.S. Customs and Border Protection to enhance the security of the Southwest border. This is the second time the SDNG has deployed aircraft in support of the Southwest border mission.

DET 48

RAPID CITY

COMMANDER – CWS KENNETH EAST
DETACHMENT SERGEANT – SFC RANDALL MCCANN

Rapid City is home to Detachment 48 Operational Support Airlift Command located at the Army Aviation Support Facility. Approximately nine Soldiers make up Det. 48 whose mission is to provide fixed-wing operational airlift support for the National Guard, military departments and federal agencies as scheduled by the OSA Command. The nine personnel (seven pilots and two operations NCOs) are available 24 hours a day to support South Dakota and national homeland security missions.

Det. 48 supports numerous flight requests stateside, Central America and throughout North America with their C-12 King Air fixed-wing aircraft. Det. 48 offers transportation to numerous individuals, including civilian, military and federal DoD employees.

Last year, the C-12 flew more than 600 flight hours on more than 150 missions, averaging four hours per mission, without a class A, B or C accident. Det. 48 also transported more than 350 personnel ranging in rank from a four-star general to a private, DoD employees and civilians.

In addition, the unit successfully completed and passed the Aviation Resource Management Survey. The unit is also in the process of completing multiple training courses while maintaining 70 hours of flight time each month.



196TH MEB

SIOUX FALLS

196TH COMMANDER – COL TERRY OMMEN
COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR – CSM GEORGE ARENDS

HHC COMMANDER – CPT CHRIS JANOS
FIRST SERGEANT – ISG STEVEN WEILER

The 196th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade is one of four major commands for the South Dakota Army National Guard, and provides mission control and supervision for three battalions, comprised of 17 units with more than 1,900 Soldiers in 18 communities throughout South Dakota. About 190 Soldiers with the Headquarters and Headquarters Company of the MEB serve to assist assigned units in meeting training, administrative and logistical requirements and achieve readiness.

As a part of its wartime mission, the MEB enables, enhances and protects operational and tactical freedom of action for a supported maneuver force. The unit commands and controls the forces necessary to conduct security and functional operations in a designated area of responsibility. This includes force protection, battle space awareness and focused logistics. To meet its homeland defense and state mission requirement, the MEB also serves as mission control for Task Force 196 and supports civil authorities in emergency and disaster response.

This year, COL Terry Ommen took command of the MEB from BG Kevin Griesse. The 196th MEB also consolidated several units within their ranks due to the opening of the new Readiness Center in Watertown. This resulted in the relocation of units from Miller, Webster and Redfield. Company A, 139th BSB, consolidated from Miller and Redfield, and the 147th FSC consolidated from Sioux Falls, Webster and Mitchell. Ceremonies were held in each location to recognize the outstanding community support provided throughout the many years of service to the SDNG.

The 196th MEB also served as the lead command and control element during the Golden Coyote exercise. This year, more than 3,500 service members from 55 units representing 22 states and five allied nations participated in the exercise. This event served as the culminating event for the MEB who spent a considerable amount of training time leading up to the exercise preparing for their mission.



1/147TH FA

WATERTOWN

1/147TH COMMANDER – LTC DOUGLAS BOGENHAGEN
COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR – CSM TODD ROSE

HHB COMMANDER – CPT DANIEL POPOWSKI
FIRST SERGEANT – ISG STEVEN ANDERSON

The 1st Battalion, 147th Field Artillery provides mission control and supervision for two Multiple Launch Rocket System batteries and one forward support company with approximately 400 Soldiers in three communities throughout eastern South Dakota.

The past year has been extremely busy for the 1/147th due to changes in restationing for HHB, 1-147th FA and 147th FSC. The HHB moved across town to the new Watertown Readiness Center and were joined by the FSC from three communities: Mitchell, Sioux Falls and Webster. The feat of moving equipment and personnel from three different locations and coming together for the first time since their inception in 2007 was a very large one.

On Sept. 7, the Watertown Readiness Center had an open house and ribbon cutting event to officially declare it as the newest and most impressive armory/readiness center in the state. The readiness center also welcomed Co. A, 139th BSB. The facility offers multiple classrooms, an ETS2000 simulation room, assembly hall, workout room, state of the art kitchen, a large conference room, an amphitheatre and admin areas for each of the units to conduct their day to day business.

A significant change incurred in the R-Series MTOE for the field artillery, as they are now able to recruit females to all positions, which until September 2012 was not possible. Within the last year, the battalion has recruited 10 females into the following MOSs: 42A; 25U; 13M; 92G; and 88M.



147TH FSC

WATERTOWN

COMMANDER – CPT DAREN KETCHAM
FIRST SERGEANT – ISG MICHAEL BECKER

The 147th Forward Support Company is a multifunctional organization with about 140 Soldiers consisting of a headquarters section, field feeding section, distribution platoon and maintenance platoon, which all support the 1st Battalion, 147th Field Artillery.

The field feeding section is capable of providing all class I support. The distribution platoon is broken into three sections: a battalion support squad and two battery support squads – capable of delivering general supplies, class V ammunition for

small arms, rocket pods and class III support.

The maintenance platoon is a multi-roll platoon, which contains a maintenance section, service and recovery section and two maintenance support sections. The maintenance section provides support for organic equipment and to supported units. The service and recovery section has the ability to recover track and wheeled vehicles, as well as specific skill sets to perform field maintenance, limited fabrication and welding repairs. The two maintenance support sections provide dedicated maintenance personnel with the skill sets to maintain and repair military vehicles specific to the two line units under the supported battalion.

During the year, the 147th FSC focused their training

on platoon level proficiency and conducted their annual training in Camp Guernsey, Wyo. The FSC worked tirelessly ensuring the battalion had all meals, supplies and equipment was fully mission capable. Once again, the unit showed that it was up to the challenge, as the supported battalion accomplished a successful live fire exercise at annual training.

The FSC also relocated and consolidated all of its equipment and personnel to the new Watertown Readiness Center. During the July IDT period, the unit conducted relocation ceremonies in Mitchell and Sioux Falls. The Webster community also held a restationing ceremony for the unit in July, signaling the end of a long relationship of the South Dakota Army National Guard in the Webster community. The community has and continues to be a strong supporter of the organization. The FSC is postured to improve its ability to support the 1-147th FA Battalion by the being in the same location.



BTRY A, 1/147TH

ABERDEEN

COMMANDER – CPT JOHN HILTON
FIRST SERGEANT – ISG MICHAEL WILKENING

Aberdeen's Alpha Battery, 1-147th Field Artillery Battalion, provides medium range rocket and long-range missile fires in support of a brigade, division, corps, theater Army, joint or coalition task force. Alpha Battery consists of about 80 members and is equipped with the M270A1 Multiple Launch Rocket System, capable of firing a variety of munitions for indirect fire support. The unit can also provide a trained and disciplined force capable of providing security force operations, a quick reaction force, and can conduct base defense operations.

Part of Battery A's responsibility is to provide the governor with a force capable of assisting in the response to natural disasters, civil unrest and other state contingency operations.

Once again, Alpha Battery conducted a live-fire exercise to conclude a year's worth of preparation and training to certify the units platoons. This year's annual training was held in Camp Guernsey, Wyo. The unit had 67 Soldiers that went into the field for a nine-day field training exercise, culminating with a live-fire event. Soldiers refreshed their rifle, grenade launching and machine gun skills through training on small arms live-fire ranges. Soldiers shot M16A2 rifles, M203 grenade launchers, M249s, M240Bs, MK19s, M2 (.50 caliber) machine guns and M9 semi-automatic pistols. Soldiers also trained on multiple skills relating to their specific military occupational specialties, such as training area occupation, preventative maintenance checks and services, fire mission processing, ammunition resupply, convoy operations and warrior skills training.

2013 was another successful year for Battery A. The unit maintains its momentum as they move into the upcoming training year with expectations of tough, realistic and enhanced Soldier training.

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BTRY B, 1/147TH

YANKTON

COMMANDER – CPT DARRIN EICHACKER
FIRST SERGEANT – ISG CHAD DURFEE

Yankton's Bravo Battery, 1-147th Field Artillery Battalion, is a Multiple Launch Rocket System field artillery unit that provides medium and long-range missile fires in support of the war fighter. The battery consists of about 90 Soldiers and is equipped with the M270A1 launcher, capable of delivering steel rain to its adversaries. The unit is outfitted with support sections for ammunition resupply, mess, maintenance, reconnaissance and fire direction.

Bravo Battery completed its first year as a consolidated unit with Soldiers from Salem's Bravo Battery and Yankton's Charlie Battery. In that year, Bravo Battery achieved many accomplishments and improved their overall readiness by passing multiple inspections and firing live rockets down range in Camp Guernsey, Wyo.

During this year's annual training, Soldiers qualified on personal and crew served weapons ranging from M19s, M240Bs, M2s, and M203 grenade launchers. The Soldiers also conducted multiple day and night movements and processed more than 900 fire missions during their time at Camp Guernsey, which exceeded last year's annual training by 300 fire missions. Ammo platoons were constantly on the move providing ammo resupply missions to both the forward support company and our own logistic supply areas.

SSG Jeff Heier was selected as a participant in the U.K. exchange program. He has brought back new perspectives on leadership and training that the unit hopes to incorporate in the new training year. Bravo Battery selected two great Soldiers for its NCO and Soldier of the Year in 2013; SSG Heier was selected as NCO of the Year and SPC Alex Thompson was selected as Soldier of the Year. Going forward, the unit continues to focus on state and battalion mission requirements and incorporate lessons learned into its yearly training for 2014.

139TH BSB

BROOKINGS

BSB COMMANDER – LTC JEFFREY NORRIS
COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR – CSM ARTHUR ALLCOCK

HHC COMMANDER – CPT LANCE C. LOCKWOOD
FIRST SERGEANT – ISG JEFFREY BAUER

The 139th Brigade Support Battalion consists of three organic units: Headquarters and Headquarters Company; Company A, which is a distribution unit; and Company B, a field maintenance unit. The 139th is also augmented with the 235th Military Police Company and the 115th Brigade Signal Company. The strength of the battalion is currently 480 Soldiers.

It was an outstanding year which allowed the entire battalion to work together to create unique training opportunities and to work as a functional, operational team. One of the many goals of the 139th was to enhance battalion-to-company communications and managing the Army Battle Command Systems. The focus for both the battalion and HHC was to work on a successful implementation of all ABCS systems; focusing on the user/operator and creating familiarity within all ranks. The training received this year greatly improved TACSOP, allowing units to refine and polish their SOPs.

Golden Coyote's FOB Lancer at Ellsworth Air Force Base was this year's annual training site for HHC, 139th BSB. This year proved to be an invaluable learning experience. The BSB set records by providing 95,000 gallons of fuel and 85,000 gallons of water within their area of operation. The HHC was also assigned FOB Lancer mayoral duties, which consisted of life support missions for more than 600 Soldiers from South Dakota and various units throughout the country. The unit served more than 117,000 meals at FOB Lancer.

The HHC also supported numerous recruiting and retention events in the surrounding communities, as well as numerous events at South Dakota State University. TY 14 will be a challenging year, where the unit will conduct at least three COMEX within the battalion, as well as support and attend annual training events at Camp Dodge, Iowa.

CO A, 139TH

WATERTOWN

COMMANDER – CPT ANTHONY STOKELY
FIRST SERGEANT – ISG SCOTT BULL

Company A, 139th Brigade Support Battalion, is a distribution company with a mission to provide transportation for the movement of cargo, water and fuel by motor transport. The unit has about 90 members and contains a headquarters, supply platoon, and fuel and water platoon.

The supply platoon consists of the supply section, transportation section and the ammo transfer holding section, which uses trucks outfitted with the Load Handling System, as well as five-ton trucks with trailers and forklifts. With this equipment, the unit hauls everything from both dry and refrigerated containerized cargo to general non-containerized cargo and ammunition. The supply platoon is also capable of operating a warehouse, which can deal with all classes of supply.

The fuel and water platoon also has LHS trucks used to haul its Tactical Water Purification Systems, as well as their fuel and water containers. Both of Company A's platoons work together to supply the battalion, as well as the brigade, with the different classes of supplies necessary to function in a wartime environment.

Up until July, the company was residing in two communities: Company A in Redfield and Detachment I in Watertown. In June, Company A held their unit casing and re-stationing ceremony, which was the beginning of the unit's move to the new Watertown Readiness Center. The ceremony marked the end of an era of National Guard units that have served the Redfield community for nearly 130 years.

The unit performed all its missions in June by supporting the Golden Coyote exercise in the Black Hills. The unit worked many hours each day – undermanned and without the support of another distribution company – to support more than 3,500 Soldiers involved in the exercise.

In September, Company A had a change of command ceremony, which placed CPT Anthony Stokely as the new commander. The unit had a very successful training year. Unit end strength was 104 percent with a DMOSQ of 95 percent. Ninety-five percent of the unit qualified with their assigned weapon and 98 percent passed the yearly annual physical fitness test. The unit also received commendable results on the CSOP inspection and the COMET inspection conducted during annual training.



CO B, 139TH

MITCHELL

COMMANDER – CPT MARVIN MILLER
FIRST SERGEANT – SFC DARWYN PERSSON

Mitchell's Company B, 139th Brigade Support Battalion, performs field maintenance for modular brigade combat teams and supporting brigades. The unit provides recovery, automotive/armament, ground support and electronic maintenance and maintenance management to brigade base elements. Company B has a headquarters platoon, an armament/automotive platoon.

The unit started off 2013 with a battalion FTX in April at the Sioux Falls Fairgrounds. The unit performed convoy training to refresh its operating procedures. It was also a great training experience for the younger Soldiers who have limited convoy experience. During the FTX, the unit worked on some much needed drivers training, which enabled the unit to have more qualified drivers for operations during the Golden Coyote exercise. The unit also worked on maintenance support for other 139th BSB units, where they provided repairs and generator training.

The unit participated in another Golden Coyote training exercise; performing services on unit equipment and providing maintenance support on FOB Lancer. The company also participated in several lane exercises, to include a mounted patrol lane exercise. Members of the 28th Security Force from Ellsworth AFB participated alongside Co. B Soldiers during the event. The Airman expressed much appreciation to the unit and enjoyment in the exercise.

In September, CPT Marvin Miller took over command responsibilities from CPT Duston Mullen.

Over the past year, Co. B has experienced a significant change in force structure that has brought about changes in the way the unit conducts training and performs maintenance. The unit has maintained strong numbers and looks forward to upcoming challenges that face the SDARNG, the state of South Dakota and the U.S. Army.



115TH BSC

BROOKINGS

COMMANDER – CPT BRACKEN ROBINSON
FIRST SERGEANT – ISG SHAWN BASTIAN

The 115th Brigade Signal Company has a mission to provide 24-hour operational command, control, communications, computer, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance (C4ISR) signal systems network to a supported maneuver enhancement brigade, combat aviation brigade and/or sustainment brigade, which includes deploying, installing, operating and maintaining these systems.

The 115th BSC has 43 Soldiers assigned and seven Soldiers attached from the 196th MEB. The goal for the unit during 2013 was to become more technically and tactically proficient with its War Fighter Information Network – Tactical (WIN-T) equipment and to be fully trained on all mission essential tasks.

In June, the unit supported the Golden Coyote training exercise in Rapid City for annual training. The 115th BSC coordinated between multiple echelons within the National Guard and active duty component to make the Golden Coyote the first exercise in the continental U.S. that would have network connectivity between multiple domains on both secure and non-secure networks. This allowed the 196th MEB and other participating units of Golden Coyote to execute training on all Army battle command systems.

To support its local community, the unit was highly involved in securing military volunteers for the Brookings Marathon and was one of the largest contributors of volunteers this year. The unit was responsible for runner safety, traffic control and clean-up during the marathon. A new event this year for the unit was "Walk a Mile in Her Shoes," a fundraiser for the Brookings Domestic Abuse Shelter. The 115th BSC raised \$250 and had several unit members participate in the walk raising awareness on domestic violence.



235TH MP CO

RAPID CITY/SIOUX FALLS

COMMANDER – CPT THADIOUS SCHMIT
FIRST SERGEANT – ISG RANDY DECKER

The 235th Military Police Company has a mission to provide security for U.S. military personnel, installation and facilities. They also guard prisoners of war and civilian internees. The unit's company headquarters is located in Rapid City with a detachment in Sioux Falls.

The major duties for military police are to supervise and provide support to the battlefield by conducting battlefield circulation control, area security, prisoner of war operations, civilian internee operations and law and order operations on the battlefield.

The unit also has a state and homeland defense mission to help augment civil law enforcement agencies in an emergency. If stationed stateside, the unit can also provide support to the peacetime Army community through security of critical Army resources, crime prevention programs and preservation of law and order.

In 2013, the unit was mobilized to Afghanistan, completing its third mobilization in 10 years. Prior to mobilization, the unit completed annual training at Fort Chaffee, Ark., and pre-mobilization training at Fort Bliss, Texas. The 235th returned from duty in Afghanistan in December. After returning, the unit's focus will be on reintegrating with families and the rear detachment. The members of the unit look forward to sharing their experiences with the rear detachment at Golden Coyote 2014.



153RD EN BN

HURON

153RD COMMANDER – LTC DAVID DAILEY
COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR – CSM TODD METTLER

HHC COMMANDER – CPT JEFFREY WILLIAMSON
FIRST SERGEANT – ISG MARK OLSEN

The 153rd Engineer Battalion provides mission command and supervision for seven separate units with more than 830 Soldiers in 12 communities throughout South Dakota. With about 80 assigned members to the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, the 153rd assists assigned units in meeting training, administrative and logistical requirements to achieve readiness.

The 153rd also provides mission command for attached or assigned engineer units as a part of its federal mission. The battalion headquarters can coordinate and execute tactical operations involving mobility, counter mobility and survivability tasks on the battlefield.

This year, the unit concentrated on catching up on required schools, assisting subordinate units with meeting their readiness requirements and participated in Golden Coyote. During the GC exercise, the unit conducted FOB major operations at FOB Custer, supporting more than 700 Soldiers. During this time, the unit also supported other subordinate units scattered throughout the state conducting engineering operations.

The HHC also has a mission to provide military support to civil authorities for state emergencies, and serves as mission command for Task Force 153. This task force is responsible for the prepositioning of engineer equipment for the preparation of snow removal, floods and fires. This year, the 153rd assisted with a Black Hawk security mission and with snow removal in western South Dakota after Winter Storm Atlas. The battalion changed commanders from LTC Patrick Pardy to LTC David Dailey. CPT Jeffrey Williamson took over the HHC command from CPT Jeff Odell, and ISG Mark Olsen replaced ISG Travis Valley as the new first sergeant.

The battalion successfully executed the second annual Warrior Challenge. More than 120 high school, college students and young adults participated in the event to receive a glimpse of the training and activities the 153rd performs. The youth participated in events ranging from a Sapper IED/robot lane, HMMWV pull lane, construction lane, wounded warrior lane, rafting lane and the U.S. Army's new proposed combat physical fitness test.

For seven days, the HHC, in conjunction with the U.S. Forest Service, took the lead on a humanitarian mission to provide firewood to S.D. reservations. The HHC had command and control of three locations, eight personnel and two hydraulic excavators. The excavators loaded 101 semi-trailers with timber, while chain saw operators cut branches from the logs and tied down the loads for transport.

The unit was also awarded the State Supply Excellence Award and its senior supply NCO, SFC Jamie Fleming, was awarded the NGB Logistician of the Year Award. The unit worked extensively in ensuring a smooth redeployment of the 927th Survey and Design Team in April and a re-stationing to Huron.

FSC 153RD

PARKSTON/HURON

COMMANDER – CPT JOSHUA LIEN
FIRST SERGEANT – ISG JOHN DORNBUSCH

The Forward Support Company, 153rd Engineer Battalion, is designed to provide direct combat sustainment support for a maneuver battalion in the form of logistics and maintenance. The FSC has approximately 100 members and is headquartered in Parkston with a detachment in Huron. The FSC has a wide variety of functions, to include a field feeding section, a distribution platoon and a maintenance platoon.

A major training exercise for the FSC was held during its FTX in April. The unit had good hands-on training in NVG driver's training, access control point and tactical convoy operations. During convoy operations, the unit came across IEDs and small arms fire. This was a morale booster for the unit. The unit also held a team building activity during its FTX, which was a friendly, yet competitive, game of whiffle ball played in MOPP 4.

The unit's annual training was conducted during the Golden Coyote exercise. The distribution platoon completed 32 convoys, logging nearly 9,000 accident-free miles and dispensed 25,000 gallons of fuel. The field feeding section served 11,000 meals while in the field. The maintenance platoon completed 43 job orders in eight days to include a field-environment pull and replacement of a HMMWV engine.

During the month of July, the FSC had four teams of prospective recruits participate in the second annual 153rd Engineer Battalion Warrior Challenge. The FSC took home the overall first place trophy for the second consecutive year.

In September, CPT Mitchell Nachtigall turned over the reins of the FSC to CPT Joshua J. Lien. The maintenance platoon was able to gain even more hands on knowledge during the month of October. Once again, the platoon worked out of the CSMS #1 in Mitchell. During this IDT period, the Soldiers were able to use different tools and equipment, which are not available during normal IDT periods.



842ND EN CO

SPEARFISH/BELLE FOURCHE/STURGIS

COMMANDER – CPT MATTHEW SADLER
FIRST SERGEANT – ISG JON SCHEMP

The 842nd Engineer Company is a horizontal construction unit with a mission to build and maintain roads, airstrips and rotary aircraft pads, as well as build and maintain combat outposts and forward operating bases. The unit uses a variety of equipment such as crawler tractors, motorized graders, scrapers, scoop loaders, back hoes, high-speed excavators and dump trucks.

With about 160 members, the 842nd is split into three communities with the headquarters and support platoon located in Spearfish, Detachment 1 (two equipment platoons) in Belle Fourche and Detachment 2 (maintenance) in Sturgis.

The company witnessed numerous changes and activities throughout the past year. CPT Matthew Sadler assumed command in January and ISG Jon Schempp was introduced into the company in June. The company became fully engaged in annual training during June with multiple earthmoving missions.

The 842nd sent an earthmoving platoon to Yankton for construction of National Field Archery Association archery ranges. The mission required heavy-duty earthmoving with scrapers, bull dozers and graders. It also demanded the finesse of skid steer loaders and other smaller assets. Some platoon members constructed a World Archery Federations Field, or a range wherein archers stand side by side and engage targets. Others in the platoon constructed safety berms between ranges to detour invading arrows. They also constructed three-dimensional ranges within the natural terrain for standalone, animal-sized targets.

The company sent another platoon to an area north of Belle Fourche to construct a mock village to support Ellsworth Air Force Base bomber-crew training prior to deployments overseas. The platoon was well versed in constructing a small village road and wall network having just returned from Afghanistan the previous year. The village was constructed on a former missile silo area and consisted of dirt walls, a road and placing storage containers as structures within the town.

The company also sent operators and hydraulic excavators to support the timber haul mission during the Golden Coyote exercise. This mission could not have been successful without the efforts of the operators and equipment responsible for loading the numerous truckloads of wood destined for Native American communities throughout South Dakota.

As the fiscal year drew to a close, the company mustered all available volunteers and equipment for state active duty missions during Winter Storm Atlas. The company dispatched loaders, dozers and transports to help power line replacement crews through the snow and mud.

211TH EN CO

MADISON/DE SMET

COMMANDER – CPT MICHAEL ROSELLES
FIRST SERGEANT – ISG GARY DEVRIES

The 211th Engineer Company (SAPPER) has a mission to execute mobility, counter-mobility and survivability tasks, and to provide general engineering support to a maneuver unit or a support brigade. These tasks include combat engineering missions such as placing or clearing minefields, demolition operations, field defenses as well as the ability to operate as infantry when needed.

The unit has more than 100 members and is located in two communities, with the headquarters unit in Madison and a detachment in De Smet. The company is currently made up of three sapper platoons that use a variety of equipment and munitions for its highly dangerous missions such as route clearance and demolition breaching operations using a variety of explosives and techniques.

In April, the unit held its annual field training exercise at Camp Ripley, Minn. The training consisted of weapons qualification, land navigation (day and night), live urban-breaching lanes and a five-mile company ruck march. Annual training was also conducted at Camp Ripley in June. The Soldiers took part in weapon qualifications, crew-served weapon ranges, reflexive fire range, demo ranges, infantry tactical missions and land navigation missions. The culminating event was a three day/night training exercise consisting of high value target missions, road recon, site recon and a final assault on the last day to include an 11-mile ruck march.

Eight members of the 211th volunteered for a two week United Kingdom Reciprocal Unit Exchange training mission near Aviemore, Scotland, along with Soldiers from the 153rd En. Bn. The Soldiers worked alongside British engineers from the 71 Engineer Regiment and constructed a 150-meter long viewing walkway in Scotland's Highland Wildlife Park.

In September, the company put on a training event called "The Sapper Experience" to attract possible recruits. The event consisted of multiple lanes: robot lane; paintball lane; rope climb; first-aid; and poncho-raft swim.

The 211th Soldier of the Year was presented to SPC Alex Gosch and the NCO of the Year was presented to SGT Matthew Kleinschmit. Both Soldiers competed at the state level in Rapid City in September and placed very well in their respective class.



155TH EN CO

RAPID CITY/WAGNER

COMMANDER – CPT DAVID DODSON
FIRST SERGEANT – ISG WADE HOFER

The 155th Engineer Company is a vertical engineer company capable of providing engineering support in the construction of base camps and internment facilities, as well as to construct, repair and maintain other vertical infrastructures in support of units within a brigade combat team, division or corps.

The 155th has approximately 176 members and is headquartered in Rapid City with a detachment located in Wagner. The 155th has a wide variety of occupational specialties including carpentry, plumbing, electrical and masonry services.

This year, the 155th supported many community projects throughout the state including the Delmont American Legion, Fairfax City Park, Bonesteel Fire Hall, Lake Andes City Park and South Dakota Game Fish and Parks Departments at various locations. The company also supported the Black Hills National Forest Service and the SDNG Innovative Readiness Training Program throughout the year.

The company attended the Golden Coyote training exercise for its annual training in June. The Soldiers attended multiple warrior task lanes and completed various construction projects throughout the Black Hills, which included four bridge remodels along the scenic Mickelson Trail, a new costume shop for the Black Hills Playhouse, three picnic shelters, 500 yards of buffalo fencing in Custer State Park, two Sylvan Lake fishing piers and restorative work on the ROTC rappel tower for the School of Mines and Technology in Rapid City. Soldiers of the 155th also supported state active duty missions for Winter Storm Atlas in the Black Hills area in October.



200TH EN CO

PIERRE/CHAMBERLAIN/MOBRIDGE

COMMANDER – CPT CHRIS LONG
FIRST SERGEANT – ISG MICHAEL DEJONG

The 200th Engineer Company is a multi-role bridging company with a mission to provide personnel and equipment transport in addition to assemble, disassemble, retrieve and maintain all standard U.S. Army bridging systems. The unit is capable of providing both temporary and permanent bridging solutions over rivers and dry-land gaps utilizing the Improved Ribbon Bridge and Heavy Dry Span Bridge.

The 200th is located in three communities along the Missouri River with more than 190 members dispersed between Pierre, Chamberlain and Mobridge.

The 200th strived this year to be in the public eye; recruiting, retention and individual training requirements were the focus. Public events included: Warrior Challenge; Make a Wish Foundation support; Dogs on the River; Mobridge Rifle Range IDT project; Highmore Bridge Abutment Demolition; and the U.K. Reciprocal Unit Exchange Program.

Dogs on the River, conducted in Pierre, Mobridge and Chamberlain is an innovative recruiting concept, exposing local communities to view bridge training. The events focused on informing potential recruits and the public about the unit's mission and opportunities in the SDARNG. The events exposed 2,000 people from local communities, 300 were of target age and 40 leads were generated from these events.

During this last year, a number of changes have taken place within the leadership of the unit; CPT Chris Long took command in September from CPT James Forbes and ISG John Schmidt was replaced by ISG Michael DeJong as the new first sergeant.

The 200th had a great year with external evaluations. They received a 98 percent rating during the COMET inspection, the support platoon kept equipment readiness at 98 percent and fueling operations were found without error when evaluated during the CLRT inspection. The 200th bridging team also won a completion against the United Kingdom's 71 Engineer Regiment during the unit exchange trip.

927TH S&D

HURON

COMMANDER – CW4 JEDADIAH GASSEN
SENIOR TECHNICAL ENGINEER – SFC RON HARRIS

The mission of the 927th Engineer Detachment (Survey and Design Team) is to plan, conduct, prepare and provide planning studies and tests for identified engineer work projects, provide guidance and procedure platting, legal descriptions, certification and surveys (boundary, construction) and prepare critical paths for engineer projects.

In April, the 14 Soldiers of the 927th returned from a successful 10-month deployment under the command of CW4 Kenneth Schoenfelder. During the deployment, the 927th was stationed in Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, and conducted multiple missions in three different locations. One of the largest missions was to survey a location for the building of an 880-acre FOB, Camp John Pratt, Afghanistan, for the redeployment of U.S. military equipment. The unit's high standards, professionalism and quality of work lead to them being recommended for the Meritorious Unit Citation by their higher headquarters. This year, the unit also relocated from Sioux Falls to Huron.

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